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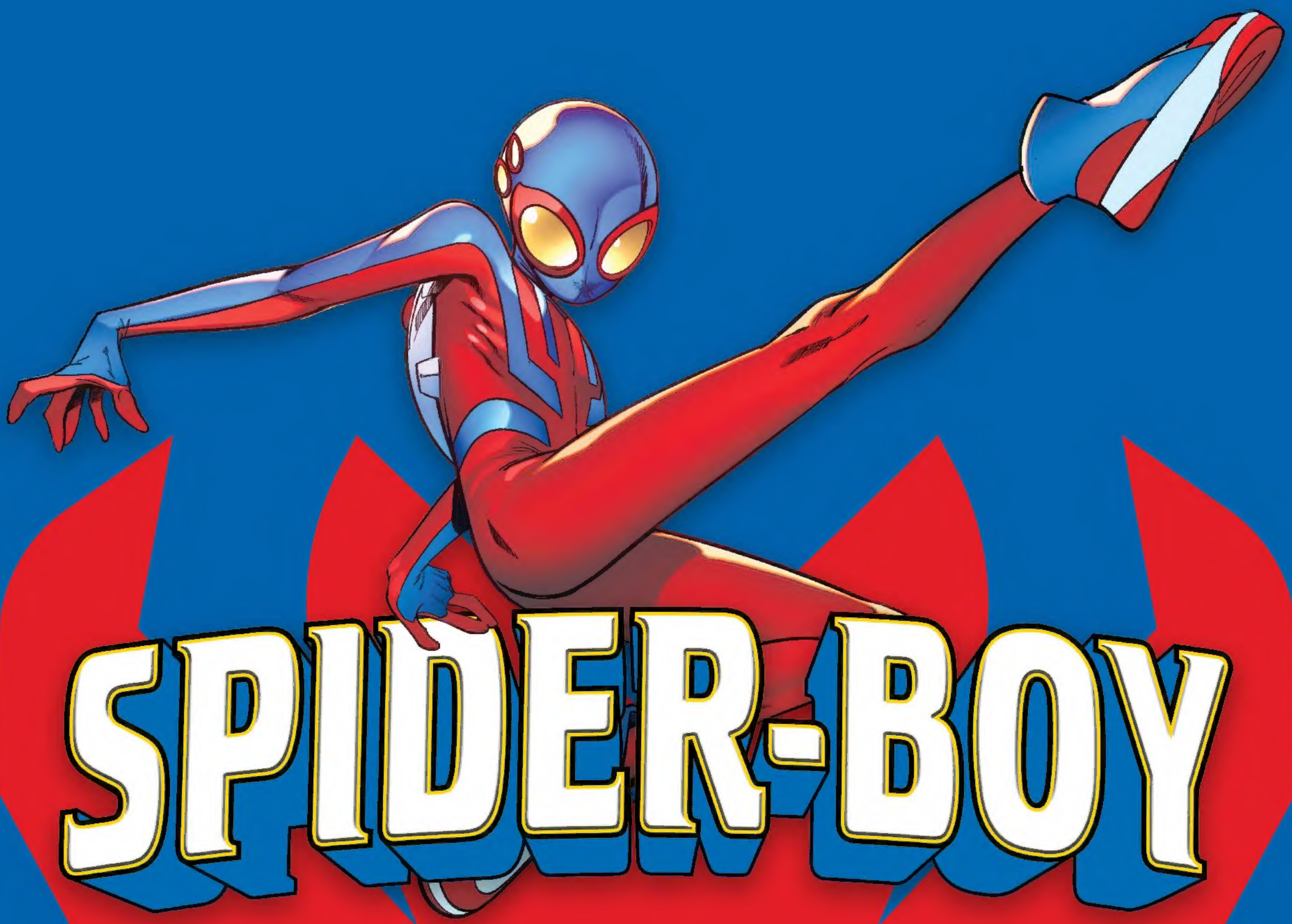

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BAILEY BRIGGS spent years as **SPIDER-MAN'S SIDEKICK** before he was erased from the **WEB OF LIFE**. Now not even Spider-Man remembers him and he must find a way to survive and rebuild his reputation as...

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HELLOOOO, NEW YORK!
IT'S ME! THE NEXT BIG THING!
YOUR FAVORITE SHORT KING!
I'M BAAACK!
DIDJA MISS ME?! WELL? DIDJA?!
WHO THE #$%& IS THAT?
DID SOMEONE SHRINK SPIDER-MAN?
IF HE'S A SPIDER-MAN, WHERE'S HIS WEB?
YO! WHOEVER YOU ARE-- GET OFF MY CAB!
"WHOEVER I AM"?
OW. OKAY. THAT HURT.
NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.
MUST BE A NEW ONE.
THE WAY HE JUMPS AROUND...
...HE'S PROBABLY THE HUMAN FLEA OR SUMTHIN'.
TACOS AL PASTOR
ARTIS

THE HUMAN FLEA?! REALLY?!

WOW! SO IT'S NOT JUST PETER AND THE OTHER SPIDER-HEROES WHO DON'T REMEMBER ME.

IT'S LIKE ALL OF NEW YORK'S MAGICALLY FORGOTTEN THERE EVER WAS A SPIDER-BOY.

AS SEEN IN THE **SPIDER-MAN: END OF THE SPIDER-VERSE** TPB. ON SALE NOW! --NICK

WELL, THAT BITES. IT TOOK ME THREE YEARS TO BUILD UP MY REP.

THAT'S ALMOST A THIRD OF MY LIFE.

DEEP BREATH, SPIDEY-B. DON'T FREAK OUT. THERE'S GOTTA BE AN ANSWER FOR ALL 'A THIS.

AND JUST BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS YOU AS THE WEB-LESS WONDER...

...THAT DOESN'T MEAN THEY WON'T RECOGNIZE YOU...

...IN YOUR CIVILIAN IDENTITY.

SURE, I MAY HAVE BEEN ERASED AND BROUGHT BACK...

...BUT ALL MY STUFF IS STILL HERE IN MY BUG-PACK.

SET 'A CLOTHES, THE UNSTABLE MOLECULE KICKS REED RICHARDS MADE FOR ME, AND...

...MY PHONE! COOL! I'LL JUST CALL SOMEBODY TO--

HUH?! MY PLAN'S PAID UP. ISN'T IT?

EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY

HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN GONE?

PASSWORD WORKS.

FULL CHARGE. FULL BARS.

CALENDAR SAYS...

...ONLY BEEN A COUPLE 'A DAYS.

MY APPS, PHOTOS, AND MESSAGES...

...ARE STILL *ALL* THERE.

JUST CAN'T MAKE ANY CALLS.

THIS'S *SO* WEIRD.

WHATEVER.

CLICK

flip

flop

flap

I CAN GO ANALOG.

ALL I NEED IS SOME FACE-TO-FACE TIME WITH SOMEONE I KNOW.

BINGO!

SEE YOU TOMORROW, *MRS. PARKER.*

CAN'T WAIT. PLEASE SAY HI TO YOUR MOM FOR ME.

EJ

HEY! AUNT MAY!
FEAST
DOWN HERE! HI!
OH! WHY HELLO THERE, YOUNG MAN.
ARE YOU A FRIEND OF MY NEPHEW, PETER? ALL OF HIS FRIENDS CALL ME "AUNT MAY" TOO.
"YOUNG MAN"?
⁝SNIFF⁝
MAY, IT'S ME. BAILEY.
DEAR ME, I'VE UPSET YOU.
ARE YOU *LOST?*
DO YOU NEED ME TO CALL YOUR PARENTS? ONE SECOND...
LITTLE BOY?
HELLO?
WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE?

THIS IS THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER, PLEASE HOLD!
YES, WE ACCEPT DONATIONS.
JOLENE, DO YOU--?
NOT *NOW*, PAM.
IT STANDS FOR FOOD, EMERGENCY AID, SHELTER, AND TRAINING, RIGHT?
NO. WE ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH MARTIN LI ANYMORE. PLEASE HOLD.
YES, WE *KNOW* MARTIN LI WAS MR. NEGATIVE. WE'RE *NOT* ASSOCIATED WITH--
HOLD IT! YOU! *KID!* WHO ARE YOU WITH? YOU CAN'T WALK AROUND IN HERE UNATTENDED.
NOT YOU *TOO*, JOLENE?!
UGH. DON'T BOTHER.
I'LL JUST GRAB THE REST OF MY THINGS AND GET OUT OF YOUR HAIR, OKAY?
GREAT. I CAN'T EVEN STAY AT THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER?
WHERE AM I GONNA *GO*? WHAT CAN I *DO*?
AT LEAST THE COMBO TO MY LOCKER STILL WORKS.
CLICK
TOTALLY EMPTY. EVEN THE STICKERS I PUT UP.
AND MY PICTURE OF MOM.
...
IT'S LIKE I WAS NEVER EVEN HERE.

SOMEONE AT F.E.A.S.T. *HAS* TO KNOW ME.

C'MON, SPIDEY-SENSES. GIMME A READING.

THERE'S GOTTA BE *ONE* PSYCHIC *THREAD* THAT LEADS TO A PERSON I *KNOW* OR TO--

--DANGER!

SOMEBODY *NEEDS* ME!

A GIRL FROM THE SHELTER!

SHE HAS SOMETHING! *A KEY!*

IT'S LINKED TO MR. NEGATIVE. AND HIS GOONS--

--THE *INNER DEMONS,* WILL DO ANYTHING TO GET THEIR HANDS ON IT.

A LITTLE RED-HEADED BOY, HE CAME THIS WAY. ANYONE SEE HIM?

ALONE IN THE SHELTER? THAT AIN'T RIGHT.

I *KNOW.* THAT'S WHY I'M LOOKING FOR HIM.

STUPID SPIDER-SENSE! I DON'T HAVE *TIME* FOR ONE OF YOUR *SIDE QUESTS!*

"BUT IF I *DON'T* HELP HER, SHE COULD GET *HURT*...

KEEP AWAY FROM ME!

YOU *KNOW* WHAT WE WANT, KID!

"...OR *WORSE!*

"THIS IS HOW IT *ALWAYS* PLAYS OUT. I CAN'T BREAK THIS LINK BETWEEN US UNTIL SHE'S *SAFE.*

NOW GIVE IT TO US *OR DIE!*

"THIS ISN'T *FAIR!* I NEVER *ASKED* FOR THESE MESSED-UP POWERS--

"--OR ANY OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY!"

NO! I'M TRAPPED!

TELL ME ABOUT IT. WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT, LADY.

EXCEPT *I'M* STUCK--BEING SPIDER-BOY!

WHO?!

THE INNER DEMONS DON'T RECOGNIZE ME?!

BUT I FIGHT YOU LOSERS LIKE SIX TIMES A WEEK!

HERE! MAYBE THIS WILL JOG YOUR MEMORY!

WAKK

BAM

THOK

IMPOSSIBLE! THAT KID'S NEARLY AS STRONG AS SPIDER-MAN!

I SWEAR...

...YOU GUYS ARE GIVING ME THE WORST CASE OF *DEJA VU.*

WATCH OUT!

DON'T WORRY. I'VE HAD *TONS* OF PRACTICE KICKING THEIR BUTTS!

BOP

SEE?

I MEAN, SURE, THEY'RE TOUGH AND SCARY LOOKING, BUT THOSE *MASKS* OF THEIRS...

...GIVE 'EM *NO* PERIPHERAL VISION!

URK!

DIDN'T SEE *THAT* COMIN', DIDJA?

WHAM

AND DID I MENTION THEIR *SWORDS?*

NEXT TO NOTHING CAN HURT INNER DEMONS...

...EXCEPT THEIR OWN SWORDS!

WHY DO THEY *DO* THAT?

GYAH!

OOH. THAT'S GOOD. I WAS GONNA SAY LIKE DINOSAURS HITTING YOU WITH METEORS.

BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE I LIKE DINOSAURS.

THAT'S *CRAZY!*

STOP THAT!

LIKE *VAMPIRES* FIGHTING YOU WITH *STAKES!*

OOMPH!

POK

I LIKE YOURS BETTER!

SO, HOW AM I DOING?

YOU'RE DOING *GREAT,* SPIDER-KID! KEEP IT UP!

SPIDER-*BOY.*

NOW *THIS* MOVE WOULD *NEVER* WORK ON *ME.*

I STILL WEAR CLIP-ONS.

AKK--

YOINK

ENOUGH! WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU, CHILD!

PLEASE! YOU'RE THE INNER DEMONS! YOU WORK FOR MR. NEGATIVE!

HE'S THE WHOLE REASON I'M LIKE THIS...

...BUT YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT, DO YOU?!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE WERE CHASING DOWN A THIEF.

THAT GIRL STOLE OUR MASTER'S RIGHTFUL PROPERTY!

ALL WE SEEK IS ITS RIGHTFUL RETURN.

UM. MISS? IS THAT TRUE?

I FOUND THIS HIDDEN AWAY UNDER A FLOORBOARD AT THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER.

IT LOOKS LIKE A KEY TO A SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX. WHATEVER'S INSIDE COULD BE WORTH A FORTUNE...

...OR AT LEAST ENOUGH TO GET MY FAMILY OUT OF THE HOMELESS SHELTER.

MARTIN LI WAS A BILLIONAIRE, BUT HE WAS ALSO A SUPER VILLAIN. WHY SHOULD I GIVE IT BACK?

OOOKAY. TIME-OUT!

CAN HE *DO* THAT? CAN HE JUST CALL A TIME-OUT?

I DUNNO. I'M NOT USED TO FIGHTING LITTLE KIDS.

FORK IT OVER.

BUT--

IT'S NOT YOURS. THAT'S *STEALING.* AND THAT'S *WRONG.*

FINE.

THANKEW.

JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR...

...YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH *HER* ANYMORE.

NO. NOW GIVE US THE *KEY.*

SO FROM NOW ON...

...YOUR PROBLEM'S WITH *ME.*

SKRUNCHHH

NO!!!

THERE.

NOW NOBODY'S GOT IT.

flick

PROBLEM SOLVED.

PLINK

PLONK

BUT IF YOU WANT, WE COULD KEEP ON FIGHTING.

SERIOUSLY, I'VE GOT NOTHING BETTER TO DO.

COCKY LITTLE BRAT. DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

YOU'VE MADE A *POWERFUL* ENEMY TODAY-- IN *MR. NEGATIVE!*

AND IF IT TAKES--

"--A *THOUSAND YEARS*, I WILL *LIVE* TO REGRET IT." *BLAH BLAH BLAH.*

I'VE HEARD ALL THIS *BEFORE.* I THINK FROM *YOU.* EVEN IF *NONE* OF YOU REMEMBER IT.

SO WE *DONE* HERE OR WHAT?

YEAH. I THOUGHT SO.

GUESS I OWE YOU A FORTUNE NOW, *HUH?*

NO. YOU DON'T. ***ME***, ON THE OTHER HAND?

I OWE YOU *MY LIFE.*

MY NAME'S ***CHRISTINA***, SPIDER-BOY. CHRISTINA XU.

AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW, IF YOU EVER NEED ***ANYTHING***, I'M HERE FOR YOU, OKAY?

I--I DO NEED SOMETHING.

PLEASE.

I NEED ***SOMEONE*** TO KNOW WHO I AM.

MY NAME'S ***BAILEY BRIGGS.***

AND I'M ALL ALONE.

NO, KID. YOU'RE NOT.

THERE YOU ARE. I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR THIS YOUNG MAN.

OH. CHRISTINA, IS HE WITH ***YOU?***

YEAH, JOLENE. HE'S WITH ME AND MY FOLKS.

OKAY, THEN.

AND CHRISTINA KNOWS YOU FROM ***WHERE***, DEAR?

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

HONESTLY? SHE KNOWS ME BETTER THAN ***ANYONE.***

MILK

STATELY STILLWELL MANOR.
UP IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY,
NEW YORK.

COCK-A-DOODLE--
ACK...
kack... kaff!
AHEM! SORRY, FRIENDS. GOT A LITTLE TICKLE IN MY THROAT. WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
PLEASE DON'T TELL *MADAME M.*
MORNING, MA'AM. YOUR PAPER'S HERE.
I'M AFRAID THERE'S AN ARTICLE ON *PAGE ONE* THAT MIGHT... DISTRESS YOU.
EASY THERE, *CRICKET*. YOU KNOW ME. I'M NOT ONE TO SHOOT THE MESSENGER.
TABBY?
EGGS AND BACON, MA'AM.
DELIGHTFUL. AND, POLLY, BE A GOOD BOY. PREP MR. ROOSTER FOR DISSECTION, WOULD YOU?
PREP FOR DISSECTION. *AWK-*

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT HAS YOU *SO* WORKED UP, MR. CRICKET...

OH *MY!*

THIS SIMPLY *WON'T* DO. *NO.* NOT AT ALL.

HOGSWORTH! MY PHONE!

Y-Y-YES, MA'AM. RIGHT HERE.

EMPIRE UNLIMITED, *DR. SHANNON STILLWELL* SPEAKING. THIS IS A *PRIVATE* LINE. HOW DID YOU--?

OH.

HELLO, MOTHER.

DON'T USE THAT TONE WITH ME, YOUNG LADY. I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD. AND I CAN TAKE YOU RIGHT *OUT* OF IT.

OR TURN YOU INTO A CHICKEN.

NOW TELL ME, DARLING, I *MUST* KNOW. HAVE YOU BEEN PILFERING MY *PRECIOUS* TECHNOLOGY?

THAT *NEVER* ENDS WELL FOR YOU CHILDREN. DO YOU RECALL WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BROTHER *FARLEY?*

YES, MOTHER. HE CREATED THE SCORPION WITH IT.*

AND THEN?

HE DIED SHORTLY AFTER.

AND WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR OTHER BROTHER? HARLAN?

SEE ASM #20. --NICK

HE USED YOUR WORK TO CREATE THE HUMAN FLY.**

AAAND THEN?

SEE ASM ANNUAL #10.

HE ALSO DIED.

...

MOTHER? ARE YOU... THREATENING ME?

NOT AT ALL, MY SWEET, SWEET POPPET. I AM MERELY POINTING OUT...

...THAT BAD THINGS SEEM TO HAPPEN...

...TO ANYONE WHO WOULD DARE ATTEMPT TO COPY THE RESEARCH OF Madame Monstrosity.

TERRIBLE THINGS SEEM TO BEFALL ALL WHO'VE ATTEMPTED TO CO-OPT MY LIFE'S WORK WITHOUT ASKING.

A MISLABELED CHEMICAL HERE. A DECIMAL POINT OUT OF PLACE THERE...

...AND SUDDENLY, FOOLPROOF PLANS HAVE PRODUCED FULL-ON MONSTERS.

WITH NONE OF IT TRACING BACK TO ME. AM I BEING CLEAR?

YES, MOTHER.

ARE YOU SATISIFIED?

Mom

OF COURSE I'M NOT, YOU LITTLE BRAT!

BECAUSE IF NEITHER YOU, NOR ONE OF YOUR BRAINDEAD BROTHERS--BACK FROM THE DEAD--ARE BEHIND THIS...

...THEN SOMEONE ELSE IS OUT THERE USING MY BREAKTHROUGHS TO CREATE HUMANIMALS!

DAILY BUGLE

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BECAUSE I'M LOOKING AT ONE RIGHT NOW, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT...

HE'S MINE!

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"SOLO RUN" | "BALLOONACY!"

SPIDER-MAN: YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SUPER HERO.

SO, YOU'VE FOUGHT THIS GUY BEFORE?

SPIDER-BOY: A KID WHO **SAYS** HE'S SPIDEY'S LONG-LOST SIDEKICK.

YUP! THAT'S *GUTTERBALL*, THE BOWLING-ALLEY BANDIT!

HE MAY *LOOK* SILLY, BUT TRUST ME, BOSS, HE'S ONE OF MY *DEADLIEST* FOES!

WHAT'RE YA TALKIN' ABOUT, PEEWEE? I DON'T KNOW YOU FROM A HOLE IN MY HEAD!

STAY IN YOUR LANE!

NOT HAPPENING, G.B.!

NOT WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO *PIN* THESE PEOPLE DOWN!

GYAH!

DID YOU-- JUST MAKE A *BOWLING* JOKE?

SORT OF? I MEAN, I *TRIED.*

MAN, SPIDEY MAKES IT LOOK SO *EASY.*

PAK

GIVE IT TIME, KID. YOU'LL GET THERE.

HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.

WAIT! *DON'T!* HIS HEAD IS AN...

...INDESTRUCT-O-BALL!

OUCH!

BONK

HA! NICE TRY, WEBS. *YOU LOSE!*

THINK AGAIN, BALL BOY!

SPIDER-MAN AND ME. WE'RE A TEAM!

HE WAS JUST SETTING YOU UP!

AND I'M KNOCKING YOU DOWN!

HEY!

POK

WOK

KLOK

TOK

ALLEY-OOP!

BLSHH!

WAY TO GO, PAL!

THAT WAS VERY STRIKING.

YEAH, IT'S A SHAME HE COULDN'T BE SPARED.

ENOUGH WITH THE BOWLING PUNS ALREADY!

GUTTERBALL, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

YES! PLEASE! JAIL! ANYTHING! JUST GET ME OUTTA HERE!

AND SO, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE WALL, LUCKY LANE'S BOWL-O-RAMA WAS SAVED!

THANKS TO SPIDER-BOY, THE WEB-LESS WONDER!

SPIDEY, WE APPRECIATE YOU DEALING WITH THAT BAD GUY, BUT...UM...

YOU ARE GONNA KEEP US SAFE FROM HIM TOO, RIGHT?

HIM? HIM WHO?

MOMMM! HE'S LOOKIN' AT ME!

WOO-HOO! NO NEED TO APPLAUD.

WELL... MAYBE SOME APPLAUSE WOULD BE NICE.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH EVERYBODY? THEY'RE STARING AT ME LIKE I'M SOME KINDA...

...FREAK.

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OH COME ON! REALLY?!

BEFORE EVERYONE FORGOT ME, I SPENT THREE YEARS HELPING OUT! BEING A HERO!

NOW ALL IT TAKES IS ONE PICTURE OF ME MONSTERING-OUT AND YOU ALL THINK I'M--

A THREAT? YEAH. I KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE.

HANG TIGHT, KIDDO. LET ME SEE WHAT I CAN DO. I KNOW A GUY.

CAN YOU BE MORE *SPECIFIC*, MS. LANE?

DID SPIDER-MAN AND THIS BOY ARRIVE AT YOUR BOWLING ALLEY SEPARATELY OR TOGETHER?

DID THEY SAY *ANYTHING* THAT SPOKE TO HOW THEY'RE *CONNECTED* TO EACH OTHER?

THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU SHOULD ASK--

ME!

ROBBIE, A WORD. FOR YEARS, *YOU* SAT BACK...

...AS JONAH RAN STORY AFTER STORY CALLING ME A *"MENACE."* I COULD TAKE IT. BUT THE STORY YOU RAN *TODAY?*

CALLING SPIDER-BOY A *MONSTER?* HE'S JUST A *KID*, ROBBIE.

ONE WHO *HAPPENS* TO *BE* A MONSTER.

WELL...*SURE.* IF YOU WANT TO BE ALL *TECHNICAL.* BUT HE CAN'T *HELP IT.* C'MON.

ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO? LIKE PRINT A RETRACTION? OR GIVE HIM THE KEY TO THE CITY?

KEY TO THE--? SPIDEY. I'M *NOT* THE MAYOR.

UM...

I COULD GIVE HIM THE KEY TO THE BOWLING ALLEY.

AND HE COULD BOWL WHENEVER HE WANTS. HOW'S THAT?

THAT WORKS FOR ME.

YEAH. THAT AIN'T HALF BAD, LADY.

HI, *PETER.* IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR *AUNT MAY,* SHE'S NOT HELPING OUT AT THE SHELTER TODAY.

HEY, *JOLENE.* I'M ACTUALLY HERE TO SEE *BAILEY BRIGGS.*

I'VE GOT SOME NEWS FOR HIM.

LAST I SAW, HE WAS WITH *CHRISTINA XU.* SHE AND HER FAMILY HAVE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM.

FEAST

TAXI

TAXI

THIS BITES. YOU'RE, LIKE, THE *ONE* PERSON IN THIS CITY...

...WHO *DOESN'T* THINK I'M SOME WEIRD BLOODSUCKING VAMPIRE KID.

1980

SPIDER-MAN

GIVE IT TIME. EVERYONE WILL GET OVER IT.

EVENTUALLY, THEY'LL SEE YOU'RE ONE OF THE *GOOD GUYS.*

YOU'RE ONLY SAYING THAT BECAUSE I SAVED YOUR LIFE *AS* SPIDER-BOY.*

C'MON. WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE TAKEN ME IN...

...IF THE *FIRST* TIME YOU SAW ME I HAD ALL MY *FANGS* AND *EXTRA EYES* OUT?

PLEASE. YOU UNMASKED IN FRONT OF ME...

...AND SHOWED ME YOU WERE A *GINGER.*

THAT'S *WAY* WORSE THAN A *VAMPIRE!*

SHUT UP!

NO, *YOU* SHUT UP!

HOW DO YOU DO, *FELLOW KIDS?*

BAILEY, YOU GOT A SEC? I'VE GOT SOME *NEWS* FOR YOU. SOME *PRIVATE* NEWS.

1980

SEE EDGE OF SPIDER-VERSE #3. --ELLIE

IF THIS IS "SPIDER-BOY" NEWS, IT'S COOL IF CHRISTY HEARS IT.

I TOLD HER MY *SECRET IDENTITY.*

DUDE! YOU'VE ONLY BEEN BACK A COUPLE OF *DAYS...*

...AND SOMEBODY ALREADY *KNOWS?* YOU'VE *GOTTA* DO BETTER THAN THAT!

BETTER? YOU MEAN LIKE ASKING *DOCTOR STRANGE* TO DO A SPELL TO MAKE EVERYONE FORGET?

FAIR POINT.

HERE. FROM *TODAY'S DAILY BUGLE.*

THAT BOWLING ALLEY YOU SAVED IS THROWING YOU A *SPECIAL CEREMONY.*

REALLY?

AND GIVING YOU A LIFETIME PASS!

SHOULDN'T IT BE FOR *BOTH* OF US?

NO, BUD. THIS IS JUST FOR *YOU.* I WON'T BE THERE. YOU'LL BE *FLYING SOLO.*

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SO, IS IT JUST *BOWLING* FOR LIFE--OR DO I GET TOKENS FOR THE *GAMES* TOO?

NO IDEA.

CAN I BRING CHRISTINA?

DON'T SEE WHY NOT.

IS THE *FOOD* FREE? LIKE THE HOT DOGS AT THE COUNTER?

PROBABLY NOT.

WHAT ABOUT *NACHOS?*

STOP.

THE FARM.
The Secret Laboratory of Madame Monstrosity and Her Horrifying Humanimals.

PLEASE, MADAME M., YOU HAVEN'T EATEN IN DAYS...

NOR SHALL I 'TIL FIND I THIS SO-CALLED SPIDER-BOY!

HOW DARE HE SHOW UP-- OUT OF NOWHERE-- LOOKING LIKE ONE OF MY CREATIONS!

PERHAPS IF I CREATE A NEW HUMANIMAL? MAYBE A BLOOD-HOUND TO HUNT HIM DOWN?

THAT OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A FLY... WHAT'D SHE SWALLOW TO GET THE SPIDER?

A BIRD, TO GET THE SPIDER DEEP DOWN INSIDE HER.

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A BIRD? ABSURD. UGH. THIS WOULD ALL BE SO MUCH SIMPLER...

...IF WE JUST KNEW WHEN AND WHERE THAT WALL-CRAWLER WOULD POP UP NEXT.

REPORT

WHAT'S THIS? A SPECIAL DAY IN SPIDER-BRAT'S HONOR? AND ALL ARE WELCOME.

YES, COMPUTER?

PERFECT.

AND I KNOW PRECISELY WHICH ONE OF MY HUMANIMALS SHOULD ATTEND.

AND WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET'S WELCOME OUR GUEST OF HONOR...

...SPIDER-BOY!

...VS SPIDER-BOY

AW! THANKS, GUYS!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

LUCKY LANE'S BOWLING ALLEY.

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NOT BAD, HUH?

YEAH. WISH MY MOM WAS HERE TO SEE THIS.

I'M SURE SHE WOULD'VE BEEN PROUD.

UM. SHE'S NOT DEAD. SHE'S JUST-- NEVER MIND.

GO ON. GET YOUR AWARD.

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE HERE, I WANTED TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS--

HOLD ON. IS THAT GUTTERBALL'S ***HEAD?***

UM. YOU DIDN'T DECAPITATE HIM SO YOU COULD GIVE IT TO ME AS A ***TROPHY,*** DIDJA?

DEAR GOD, ***NO!***

*PHEW! 'CAUSE **THAT** WOULD'VE BEEN **WEIRD!***

ANYHOO... ***SPEECH TIME!***

GUYS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW I'M REALLY *BOWLED* OVER BY ALL OF--

WHOA! YOU FEEL THAT?

TOOM TOOM

TOOM

WHAT'S *GOIN' ON?!*

IS--IS IT AN *EARTHQUAKE?*

IN *NEW YORK?!*

TOOM TOOM

NO, IT'S-- *THAT!*

WHATEVER *THAT* IS!

SPIDER-BOY! **MOVE!** IT'S COMING RIGHT AT YOU!

OH NO. IT'S YOU.

YOU WERE THERE...

...WHEN IT ALL STARTED.

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DON'T DO THIS. I DON'T WANNA BE A SPIDER! PLEASE!

SOMEBODY HELP ME! MOM?!

SORRY, NUMBER FIVE. YOUR *REAL* MOMMY CAN'T HEAR YOU NOW.

BUT, IF IT HELPS...

"...THINK OF *ME* AS YOUR *NEW* MOMMY.

"BECAUSE TODAY, BY *MY* HAND, YOU ARE *REBORN*...

"...AS *MY SPIDER-BOY!*"

ARGHH!

05

TAKE THE CHILD BACK TO HIS POD.

YES, MADAME M.

BAILEY? IS THAT *YOU?*

OF COURSE IT'S *ME*, ELI. WHAT DO YOU MEAN--?

WHAT HAS SHE *DONE* TO ME?!

BAILEY, CALM DOWN! TRUST ME! WE'LL FIGURE SOME WAY OUTTA THIS!

AND *THEN* WHAT? WHERE COULD I GO?! I'M A *FREAK!*

LOOK AT ME, ELI! SHE CROSSED ME WITH A *SPIDER!*

HEY, THAT AIN'T SO BAD. YOU SHOULD SEE WHAT SHE DID TO THE *LAST* GUY!

REALLY? WHAT HAPPENED TO *HIM?*

SHE CROSSED A *COW* WITH A *DUCK!* AND YOU KNOW WHAT SHE *GOT?*

NO. WHAT?

MILK AND *QUACKERS.*

=SNORT= HEH.

ONCE, SHE CROSSED A *PORCUPINE* WITH A *TURTLE*...AND GOT A *SLOW POKE!*

HA HA!

THEN SHE CROSSED A *FROG* AND A *PIG*... AND GOT A *HAM*-PHIBIAN!

HA HA HA!

WAIT! MY *MOM* USED TO TELL ME THESE. I KNOW ONE.

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS AN *ELEPHANT* AND A *RHINOCEROS?*

I GIVE UP. WHAT?

HELLIFINO!

HA HA HA!

AHH! AND HERE I WAS TRYING TO CHEER *YOU* UP!

HA! "HELLIFINO!" OH! *THAT'S* GOOD!

"HELLIFINO"? HMM. THAT IS GOOD.

I WAS WONDERING WHAT TO TRY NEXT.

WHAT A SPLENDID SUGGESTION, NUMBER FIVE.

WHAT?! I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT! WE WERE JUST JOKING!

AN ELEPHANT AND A RHINO.

TRANSFORMING A SUBJECT INTO TWO ANIMALS AT ONCE?

THIS WILL BE QUITE... INTERESTING. BRING NUMBER FOUR.

ELI!

NO!

THANK YOU, NUMBER FIVE.

I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THIS WITHOUT YOU.

PLEASE! DON'T! IT WAS A JOKE! I DIDN'T MEAN--

BAILEY!

ELI! I'M SORRY! I'M--

I'M SORRY.

AWROOOO!

SPIDER-BOY?! WHO *IS* THIS GUY?!

KA-WHAM!

UGH! HELLIFINO!

WELL, IF YOU *DON'T* KNOW--

NO--
gnnh--
HELLIFINO!

HE'S WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A RHINO WITH--

HEY! THAT WAS MY BALL!

KRAK

YOU CRACK JOKES.

HELLIFINO CRACKS ***YOUR SKULL!***

I DIDN'T MEAN IT...

PLEASE DON'T...

STOP RIGHT THERE!

CHRISTINA? WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

SAVING YOU. YOU'RE STUCK IN A WALL!

mmph!
NOT ANYMORE!
NOW, DON'T *EVER* DO THAT AGAIN! *PROMISE!*
I SWEAR!
GOOD! LEAVE THE SUPER-HEROING...
...TO THE KID WITH *SPIDER-SPEED*...
WAK
...AND *SPIDER-STRENGTH!*
PAM
STRENGTH OF A *BUG!*
I HAVE THE SKIN OF *TWO* PACHYDERMS! NOTHING WILL STOP ME FROM *SQUASHING YOU!*
POW

OH YEAH?

I GOT SOMETHING THAT'LL GET THROUGH YOUR THICK HIDE *RIGHT HERE!*

UMPH!

WAS *THAT* IT?

NO! I'M JUST GETTING-- GNNH--STARTED! G-GIMME A SEC.

*UM...*THIS IS KINDA TIGHT, ACTUALLY...

ENOUGH FOOLING AROUND, YOU LUMBERING BRUTE. YOU HAVE HIM!

UH-OH.

NOW SHOW ME WHAT I NEED TO SEE!

UNMASK HIM!

YES, MA'AM.

NOT TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER OR ANYTHING...

...BUT THE MASK COMES OFF BETTER FROM THE *FRONT.*

I KNEW IT! YOU ARE ONE OF MY CREATIONS!

BUT WHY DON'T I REMEMBER MAKING YOU?

I MUST KNOW! TELL ME, BOY! OUT WITH IT!

NEVER! I FINALLY GOT SOMETHING OVER YOU, *YOU WITCH!*

'CAUSE EVERYBODY'S FORGOTTEN ME. AND THAT INCLUDES...

...YOU, *ELI.*

HOW DO YOU KNOW *MY NAME?*

YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER HOW IT'S *MY* FAULT YOU'RE A--

MONSTER!

FREAK!

AWROO!

PUT HIM DOWN, YOU WEIRDO!

YEAH, YOU MONSTER! LET HIM GO!

STOMP THEM, MY PET! CRUSH THEM!

SHUT UP! ALL OF YOU!

KSHH

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THEY THINK.

OR WHAT MADAME M. THINKS.

ALL THAT MATTERS IS WHAT YOU THINK.

YOU DON'T WANNA BE A MONSTER, ELI?

MAKE A CHOICE AND DON'T BE ONE.

IT'S THAT SIMPLE. JUST CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE.

Skkkzz-- WHAT'S HE SAYING?! DON'T--tsss--LISTEN TO HIM!

Tzzkk-- WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?! HELLIFINO!

I'M DONE HERE. YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED. I'M HEADING BACK TO BASE.

ZZXXT-- BUT I WANT SPIDER-BOY! WHERE IS HE?!

HE TURNED INTO A BUNCH 'A SPIDERS AND GOT AWAY.

KKZZZ-- HE CAN DO THAT?!

DON'T ASK ME. YOU GAVE HIM HIS POWERS.

SKKZZ-- I DID, DIDN'T I? HMM. I MUST BE BETTER THAN I THOUGHT!

HE'S GONE. WE'RE SAFE NOW, RIGHT?

MAYBE *YOU* ARE. NEW YORK STILL THINKS *I'M* A MONSTER TOO.

YOU'RE GONNA BE ALL RIGHT. I HAVE FAITH IN YOU. IN FACT...

...I BET THE NEXT TIME YOU RUN INTO THAT GUY, YOU'LL *BEAT* HIM.

NAH, CHRISTINA...

...THE NEXT TIME I SEE HIM...

...I'M GONNA *SAVE* HIM.

SIXTH AVENUE.
The Thanksgiving Day Parade.

UGH. CHRISTINA, WHY'D YOU DRAG ME OUT HERE? WE'RE MISSING LUNCH FOR THIS.

THANKSGIVING'S THE BEST MEAL AT THE SHELTER ALL YEAR.

YEAH? WELL THIS IS ONE OF THE COOLEST THINGS YOU CAN DO IN THIS CITY FOR FREE.

AND BESIDES, THERE'S SOMEONE HERE I KNOW YOU WANT TO SEE! LOOK!

SANTA?! THAT'S HIM! NOT A FAKE ONE LIKE AT THE MALL!

HE'S TOTALLY REAL! LIKE THOR AND HERCULES REAL!

SANTA! IT'S ME! BAILEY!

HO HO HO!

AND YOU KNOW WHAT? EVEN IF YOU WERE ERASED FROM REALITY...

...I BET YOU HE REMEMBERS YOU. BECAUSE HE'S MAGIC.

YEAH. I BET HE DOES.

C'MON.

WHERE ARE WE GOING? IT'S NOT OVER YET.

I KNOW. BUT THE ONLY THING LEFT...

...IS WATCHING THE BALLOONS.

AND I KNOW HOW WE CAN GET A WAY BETTER VIEW!

AHH! YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

YEAH! IT'S LIKE SPIDEY SAYS-- "WHAT'S THE POINT OF HAVING SPIDER-POWERS...

"...IF YOU DON'T GET TO ABUSE 'EM NOW AND THEN?"

SPIDEY HAS NEVER SAID THIS. --ELLIE

SEE? WHAT'D I SAY?

WOW! THIS *IS* A WAY BETTER VIEW!

I KNOW, RIGHT?

SQUIRREL GIRL? GUESS WE HAD THE SAME IDEA, *HUH?*

HI. I'M DOREEN. HAVE WE MET?

YEAH. BUT YOU DON'T REMEMBER.

I'M CHRISTINA.

AND I'M *SPIDER-BOY.*

IS IT OKAY IF I DON'T TELL YOU MY OTHER NAME? I'M TRYING TO PROTECT MY SECRET I.D.

I GET THAT. THESE ARE MY FRIENDS, *TIPPY-TOE* AND *CAPTAIN SQUIRREL.*

HE WEARS A MASK TO PROTECT *HIS* IDENTITY.

FROM OTHER SQUIRRELS?

I GET THAT.

OKAY. I TAKE IT BACK.

THIS IS *COOL.*

TOLD YOU.

YOU SAID IT, TIPPY. I MISS THE SPIDER-MAN BALLOON TOO.

chirrt chitt cheet.

OOH! CHECK IT OUT! *FREE* BALLOON!

TODAY JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BET--

--ERRRG!

SPIDER-BOY?! ARE YOU OKAY?

IT'S HIS *SPIDER-SENSE!*

IS HE IN *DANGER?*

THAT'S NOT HOW *HIS* POWERS WORK. HE GETS PSYCHIC READINGS...

...AND THEY TELL HIM WHEN *OTHERS* ARE IN DANGER. LIKE WHOEVER WAS HOLDING THAT BALLOON!

NOT JUST *HER.* EVERYONE *AROUND* HER TOO!

I NEED TO *SAVE* THEM FROM--

OH *NO!* NOT *THAT* BAD GUY! NOT *HIM!*

I GOTTA *GO! NOW!*

WOW! THAT'S THE *BEST* SUPER-POWER *EVER!*

IT MEANS YOU'RE *ALWAYS* HELPING EVERYONE. WISH I HAD THAT!

YEAH. IT'S A REAL *GIFT.*

YOU COMING? 'CAUSE I'M GONNA NEED *ALL* THE HELP I CAN GET!

THERE HE IS, S.G.! ONE OF THE MOST *DIABOLICAL* VILLAINS OF *ALL TIME!*

WHO, THAT LITTLE BOY? BUT HE LOOKS SO SWEET.

NO! IN THE STRAW HAT! THAT'S *PROFESSOR EMILIO HELIO, THE BALLOON MAN!*

WHATEVER HE'S PLANNING, WE *HAVE* TO *STOP IT!*

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, SONNY JIM...

...BUT IF YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT THE DROP ON *ME,* YOU'RE *TOO LATE!*

ARISE, MY WIGGLE MEN! AND INFLATE!

BEHOLD! AS MY *BALLOON PLATOON* SENDS OUT A SPRAY OF MY PERNICIOUS...

...*POLYMER X!*

THIS IS BUT PART ONE IN MY APOCALYPTIC PLAN TO--

WHAT THE--?!

÷SNORT÷

DOREEN? DON'T!

HEH-HEH--

HA HA HA! HIS VOICE!

HE CAN'T HELP IT! THE ACCIDENT THAT GAVE HIM HIS POWERS...

...IT CHANGED HIS RESPIRATORY SYSTEM. HE HAS TO BREATHE HELIUM TO LIVE.

PLEASE. HE'S VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT IT.

IS SHE LAUGHING AT ME?!

BUT IT'S SO HIGH AND SQUEAKY!

HA HA HA!

squee!

THE SQUIRREL TOO? YOU GOTTA STOP...

"HE'S LIKE MAGNETO, BUT WITH GAS INSTEAD OF METAL!

"HE'S SO POWERFUL! AND HE HATES BEING MADE FUN OF!"

NO ONE LAUGHS AT THE BALLOON MAN...

...AND LIVES!

GET THEM, MY STRETCHABLE STAMPEDE!

BOUNCE THEM! POUNCE THEM! UNLEASH YOUR RUBBERY WRATH!

GOING UP AGAINST *BALLOON ANIMALS?*

THIS'LL BE A BREEZE! GO GET 'EM, TEAM!

NO! DON'T DO IT!

WHY WON'T YOU *LISTEN* TO ME?

ATTAGIRL, TIPPY-TOE!

squee!

POP

POP

POP

chrrt chrrrr...

=wkk= =kaff= =koff!=

HA! OH NO! *HA HA!* MY SQUIRREL PALS ARE DOWN!

HA HA! THIS ISN'T FUNNY! *HA!* WHY AM I LAUGHING?!

KNOCKOUT GAS! TEAR GAS! *LAUGHING* GAS!

I WARNED YOU!

HELIO FILLS *ALL* HIS BALLOONS WITH *ATTACK* GASES!

WHATEVER YOU DO, *DON'T* POP THEM! WE'RE LUCKY WE'RE NOT *DEAD!*

HA HA! THERE'RE TOO MANY OF 'EM!

HA HA! WE'RE ALL *DOOMED!* *HA!*

NOT YET, S.G.!

TRUST ME! FOLLOW MY LEAD...

...AND DO EXACTLY WHAT I DO!

squeaky squeaky

GOTCHA. NO CLAWS...

SHAKE 'EM...

wshh wshh

...DON'T BREAK 'EM!

swisha swisha

AND THAT'S HOW WE STOP 'EM...

...WITHOUT POPPING 'EM!

STATIC CLING, DO YOUR THING!

NOW TO DEAL WITH HELIO AND WHATEVER HIS "MASTER PLAN" IS!

SQUEE SQUEE

SQUEE

DEAL WITH ME?! HAH!

FOOLS! THAT LAST ATTACK WAS MERELY TO DELAY YOU!

AND IT WORKED! YOU'RE TOO LATE!

MY WIGGLE MEN HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TASK!

AND SPRAYED A FULL PAYLOAD OF POLYMER X ONTO THEIR TARGETS!

YEAH? SO WHAT?

SO WHAT?!

"THAT COATING PROVIDES A PERFECT COUNTERBALANCE FOR THE GASES INSIDE THEM!"

WATCH OUT!

HE TARGETED ALL THE THANKSGIVING DAY BALLOONS!

AND HE'S BRINGING THEM DOWN! WHY?!

I'M NOT JUST BRINGING THEM DOWN TO EARTH, GIRL!

POLYMER X HAS RENDERED THEM IMPENETRABLE!

THIS THANKSGIVING, NEW YORK CITY HAS GIVEN ME MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR...

KR SHH

...BECAUSE IT HAS GIVEN ME AN ARMY OF UNSTOPPABLE GIANTS!

SMASH

UM. WE CAN'T STOP THESE GUYS BY RUBBING 'EM ON US, RIGHT?

AW, NUTS.

NOT UNLESS YOU'VE GOT A TWO-HUNDRED FOOT SWEATER.

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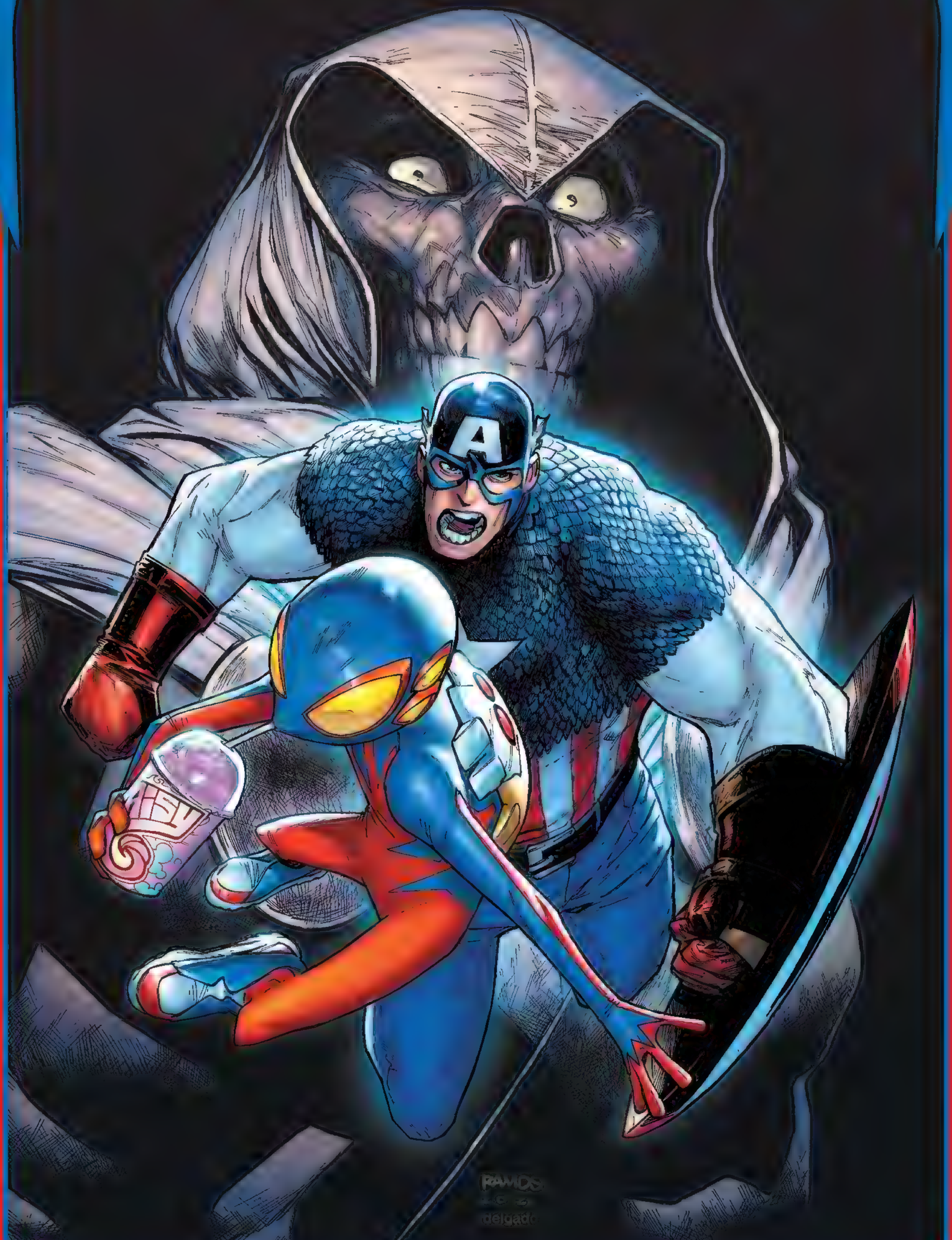

"'TWAS THE FIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS" | "X-MAS EX MACHINA"

'Twas The Fight Before Christmas!

STARRING SPIDER-BOY!

AND CAPTAIN AMERICA!

THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER.

Christmas Eve.

EXIT

THERE'S THIS THING I USED TO DO WITH MY MOM EVERY YEAR...

...AND SINCE YOU GUYS HAVE TAKEN ME IN...

...CHRISTINA, DO YOU THINK YOU AND YOUR FOLKS COULD TAKE A PICTURE WITH ME BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE?

AWW, BAILEY!

IT'D BE AN HONOR.

ANYTHING FOR YOU, SWEETIE.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

EXCUSE ME. WOULD YOU MIND?

NO PROBLEMO, LITTLE DUDE.

EVERYONE SAY "CHEESE." ON THE COUNT OF *THREE*.

ONE... TWO...

CHEE--

HEY!

MY PHONE!

OH MY!

WE GOTTA GET IT *BACK!*

BAILEY!

DOES IT HAVE PICS YOU'VE TAKEN AS... SPIDER-BOY?

NO! IT'S GOT THE *ONLY* PHOTOS I'VE GOT LEFT OF MY *MOM!*

YOU ANNOYING LITTLE #$%&!

DON'T KNOW WHEN TO *QUIT*, DO YA?

BACK OFF!

WATCH OUT!

DON'T WORRY! I--

--GOT IT?

MY SPIDER-SENSE?!

AS **SPIDER-BOY**, BAILEY'S SPIDER-SENSE GIVES HIM PSYCHIC FLASHES FROM PEOPLE, PLACES, AND THINGS...

...AND THEN WARNS HIM WHEN **OTHER** PEOPLE ARE IN DANGER. --ELLIE

NOT **NOW!**

BAILEY, ***SNAP*** OUT OF IT! HE'S GETTING ***AWAY!***

I...

...I GOTTA GO.

NOW?! BUT WE'LL LOSE HIM!

I KNOW!

BUT YOUR *PHONE!* ALL THOSE PICS OF YOUR *MOM*...

I GOT A PSYCHIC FLASH! ONE OF THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER VOLUNTEERS IS ABOUT BE *ATTACKED*...

...BY A *SUPER VILLAIN!*

SOMEONE OUT THERE *NEEDS* SPIDER-BOY!

AND THAT'S ALWAYS *MORE* IMPORTANT...

...THAN WHATEVER BAILEY BRIGGS NEEDS.

EMERGENCY EXIT ONLY

BEING SPIDER-BOY SUCKS.

I MEAN, SURE, IT *LOOKS* COOL.

BUT IT *STILL* SUCKS.

OKAY, SPIDEY-SENSE, WHERE DO I *NEED* TO GO NOW?

THAT SUPER-FUTURISTIC-Y HELICOPTER THINGY?

GOTCHA.

IT'S GOING PRETTY FAST.

HAVE TO TIME THIS JUSSST RIGHT.

GYAH!

DON'T THINK I'VE *EVER* BEEN THIS HIGH UP BEFORE.

"DEAR SANTA, ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR...

"...IS *NOT* TO FALL TO MY *DEATH!* YOURS, BAILEY."

LITTLE BIT 'A SPIDER-STRENGTH SHOULD OPEN THIS DOOR!

NOW LET'S SEE WHO IN HERE NEEDS MY...

...HELP?

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE AN *INTRUDER* ON BOARD.

OUR ORDERS ARE TO SECURE THIS CARGO AT *ANY* COST.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, CAP? TAKE HIM OUT?

STAND DOWN, OFFICER.

BUT--

IT'S ALL RIGHT, ALVAREZ. I KNOW WHO THIS IS.

WHA--? CAPTAIN AMERICA KNOWS ABOUT *ME?!*

YOU'RE SPIDER-MAN'S "FORGOTTEN SIDEKICK." SPIDEY TOLD ME *ALL* ABOUT YOU.

NOW, HOW CAN I HELP YOU, SON?

MY SPIDER-SENSE TOLD ME *SOMEONE* IN HERE WAS IN DANGER.

UM... CAP? *YOU* WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO VOLUNTEER AT A HOMELESS SHELTER, WOULD YOU?

YES. IN MY SPARE TIME.

OF *COURSE* YOU DO.

THEN IT'S *YOU*, CAP. *YOU'RE* IN DANGER. FROM A SUPER VILLAIN. *TASKMASTER*, ACTUALLY.

DANGER COMES WITH THE *JOB*, SPIDER-BOY.

LIKE TODAY'S ASSIGNMENT, "OPERATION: TOY SOLDIER."

WE'RE TRANSPORTING THIS CLASSIFIED AVENGERS-LEVEL TECH TO A MORE *SECURE* LOCATION.

AND THERE ARE A *LOT* UNSAVORY CHARACTERS WHO WOULD LOVE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THIS KIT.

ESPECIALLY...

...TASKMASTER!

CLANGK

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD AT SMELLING THE IONIC DISCHARGE OF AN *IMAGE INDUCER.*

MY COMPLIMENTS ON GETTING PRIVATE ALVAREZ'S MANNERISMS DOWN. ESPECIALLY HIS WALK.

I STUDIED SOME TAPES OF HOW HE MOVED. YOU KNOW ME, CAP. I CAN COPY *ANYONE'S* MOVES.

OFFICER DELMAR, LOOK AFTER THE BOY.

I'M ON IT, CAPTAIN.

REALLY?

BUT I CAN HELP!

YOU ALREADY HAVE! THANK YOU!

AND BESIDES, I KNOW ABOUT YOUR DEAL WITH SPIDER-MAN.

YOU ARE *NOT* ALLOWED TO HELP OUT WITH A-LIST VILLAINS.

AND TRUST ME, *TASKMASTER* IS AS A-LIST AS THEY COME!

WHILE I APPRECIATE THE FIVE-STAR REVIEW, AVENGER...

...DON'T THINK THAT'LL MAKE ME GO ANY EASIER ON YA!

YEAH, BONEHEAD?! YOU AND WHAT ARMY? THAT'S CAPTAIN AMERICA!

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE HIM, SPIDER-BOY. TASKMASTER *IS* AN ARMY!

HE HAS PHOTOGRAPHIC REFLEXES! HE CAN DUPLICATE THE MOVES OF *ANYONE* HE'S *EVER SEEN!*

WARNING

LIKE BLACK KNIGHT'S *SWORDPLAY!*

SHANG-CHI'S *KICKS*, AND EVEN...

...A CERTAIN STAR-SPANGLED LEGEND'S *SHIELD-WORK!*

CLANGK

UMFF!

AND HAVING STUDIED *YOUR* ATTACKS...

...I CAN *ANTICIPATE* EVERY ONE OF 'EM!

BLAST!

CAP, WATCH OUT! ON YOUR *LEFT!*

HE *WANTED* ME TO GO THIS WAY...

SLAIGH

...TO GET TO OUR CARGO: THE *SUPER-ADAPTOID...*

...A ROBOT THAT CAN MIMIC *ANY* HERO'S SUPER-POWERS!

THE *TWO* OF THEM *TOGETHER* WOULD BE *UNSTOPPABLE!*

IT'S NO GOOD. TASKMASTER KNOWS ALL MY MOVES.

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BEAT HIM!

BUT YOU'RE *CAPTAIN AMERICA!*

YOU *ALWAYS* FIND A WAY!

I ALREADY *HAVE!*

WHOA!

IT'S *YOU*, SPIDER-BOY. HE HASN'T SEEN ANY OF *YOUR* MOVES YET.

GO GET HIM, KID!

HEY, THIS AIN'T T-BALL, CAP. THIS IS THE *BIG LEAGUES!*

AND I AIN'T HOLDING BACK!

GOOD! 'CAUSE I WON'T *EITHER!*

HMM. WHO TRAINED YOU, SPUD?

I'M SEEING SOME *DAREDEVIL* IN THERE.

YEAH? WELL, THIS ONE'S *ALL ME!*

NICE TRY. MOST OF YOUR MOVES ARE PURE *SPIDER-MAN.*

NO *DUH.* WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CLUE, TASKY?

GNH!

RIGHT IN THE KISSER! GOOD ONE, KID!

WRAP IT UP QUICK, PARTNER!

THE LONGER HE SEES YOU IN ACTION...

THE MORE HE'LL KNOW WHAT I'LL DO NEXT!

GOTCHA!

TOO LATE, KID. I GOT YOUR NUMBER NOW!

SLAKK

YOU'RE ALMOST *ALL* SPIDEY'S TRICKS, AIN'TCHA?

FLIPS, KICKS, WALL-CRAWLING, AND WEB ATTACKS, RIGHT?

YEAH? WELL, LET'S SEE HOW YOU DEAL WITH *THIS--*

THWIP!

HUH?

PSYCH. NO WEB-SHOOTERS.

WHY WOULD YOU--?

HE WAS SHOWING YOU THE *DOOR*, TASKMASTER.

HERE. LET *ME* SHOW YOU *OUT!*

PAM

NO!

NICE ONE, CAP!

UM. HE'S GONNA BE OKAY, RIGHT?

WATCH. HE *ALWAYS* HAS A JETPACK UNDER HIS CAPE.

YOU'LL SEE.

THAT WAS A *CHEAP SHOT*, YOU LOUSY--

HEY!

IT'S OVER, SKULL-FACE!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING BACK IN HERE. TAKE THE HINT!

COOL LASER RIFLES! CAN I FIRE ONE?

NO.

TIME TO CUT MY LOSSES.

THIS MIGHT NOT BE *EVERYTHING* I WAS AFTER...

...BUT IT'S BETTER THAN *NOTHING*.

I WONDER HOW MUCH *KILLIONAIRE* WILL PAY FOR IT.

WHO'S **KILLIONAIRE?** WHY DID HE HIRE TASKMASTER? FIND OUT NEXT MONTH IN **SPIDER-BOY #3.** --ELLIE

LATER...

RISTMAS
YORK CITY

SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR PHONE, SON.

EH. IT HAPPENS. IT'S LIKE I'M ALWAYS TELLING SPIDEY...

..."WITH SUPER SPIDER-POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME SUPER SPIDER-RESPONSIBILITY."

HE HAS **NEVER** SAID THAT TO SPIDEY. --ELLIE

I APPRECIATE YOUR SACRIFICE. THERE WAS A TIME I WAS A FORGOTTEN MAN TOO...

...WHEN I WAS UNFROZEN AND FOUND MYSELF IN A WORLD THAT HAD MOVED ON WITHOUT ME.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH. SO I ***PROMISE***...

...IF YOU NEED ***ANYTHING***, JUST SAY THE WORD AND I'LL BE THERE.

YES, ***SIR!***

AT EASE, SOLDIER. AND MERRY CHRISTMAS, SPIDER-BOY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, CAP!

PREVIOUSLY...

SPIDER-BOY and CHRISTINA went to the Thanksgiving Day Parade where they met SQUIRREL GIRL and her squirrel companions, who were also there for some holiday fun!

But things got both silly and scary when a sinister super villain, THE BALLOON MAN, took control of all of the giant balloons and made them his INFLATABLE ARMY OF EVIL!

YOU CALLED ME MAD AND MOCKED MY HIGH-PITCHED HELIUM CRIES!

BUT NOW IT IS EMILIO HELIO'S TURN TO LAUGH AT YOU ALL!

WHAT DO WE DO? I'M FEELING WAY OUTTA MY LEAGUE HERE!

NAH. I'M SURE WE'LL THINK OF SOMETHING. I BELIEVE IN YOU, SPIDER-BOY!

THANKS, S.G.!

HEARING YOU SAY THAT PUTS THIS ALL IN... PERSPECTIVE?

OH!

SQUIRREL GIRL! LOOK--

WOMP

SPIDER-BOY! SAY SOMETHING!

OW.

ARE YOU ALL RI--?

BONK

AAAA

BWOMP!

BOINGF

"SAVE EVERYBODY ELSE"? HOW DO I DO *THAT?!*

PRACTICALLY EVERYONE'S IN *DANGER!* INCLUDING-- OH NO--

--SANTA?!

I ♥ THOR

WINK

DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT ME, SPIDER-BOY. I'M HO-HO-HO-KAY!

IN FACT, I CAN...

...HO...

...HO...

...HELP OUT!

AND ALL IN THE *SAINT NICK 'A TIME!*

SWEET CHRISTMAS! I'M SEEING IT, BUT I *CAN'T* BELIEVE IT!

WAIT! HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

ARE YOU A SPEEDSTER LIKE QUICKSILVER? SANTA, ARE YOU A MUTANT?

OF COURSE I HAVE SUPER-SPEED.

HOW ELSE COULD I VISIT EVERY HOME IN THE WORLD IN JUST ONE NIGHT?

NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, BAILEY. I HAVE TO GET THESE OUT OF THE WAY...

...SO I CAN REACH MY NAUGHTY-LIST DELIVERIES.

"NAUGHTY LIST"?

YOU'LL SEE.

READY, BAILEY?

TIME TO GIVE THESE BALLOON BULLIES THE SACK!

EAT COAL!

THAT'S AWESOME! HOW MUCH IS IN THERE?

ENOUGH! LUCKILY, THERE WERE A LOT OF BAD BOYS AND GIRLS THIS YEAR!

NOW, THIS WILL ONLY HOLD THEM OFF FOR SO LONG. IT MAY ONLY BE THANKSGIVING...

...BUT IF WE'RE GONNA SAVE THE DAY, WE'RE GONNA NEED A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE! ANY IDEAS?!

I'M THINKING!

SANTA!

WELCOME TO THE JINGLE!

UM... SANTA?!

PA-RUM

PUM PUM PUM PUM

PLEASE, CALL ME *KRIS.*

WELL, KRIS, I WAS THINKING, INSTEAD OF GOING AFTER THE *PUPPETS...*

...WE SHOULD TAKE OUT THEIR *PUPPETEER!*

WHY, THAT IDEA ONE HORSE OPEN *SLAYS!*

WHAT?! IT CAN'T BE!

C'MON, BAILEY! LET'S *DECK* THIS GUY'S HALLS!

YOU GOT IT! IT'S TIME TO GIVE *EMILIO HELIO* HIS...

...Season's Beatings!

THAT WAS *INCREDIBLE!* THE WAY YOUR SQUIRRELS FORMED A *LADDER!*

AND A TRAMPOLINE! *AND* A SAFETY NET!

IT WAS NOTHING. WE DO STUFF LIKE THAT *ALL* THE TIME.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT *NOW* IS THAT WE GET BACK TO *SPIDER-BOY* BEFORE...

...HE SAVES THE DAY ALL BY *HIMSELF?!*

WOW!

ACTUALLY? I HAD *LOTS* OF HELP ON THIS ONE...

...AND YOU GUYS WILL *NEVER* GUESS WHO I GOT TO SIDEKICK FOR *THIS* TIME!

WE BOTH PUNCHED BALLOON MAN AT THE *SAME* TIME AND POPPED HIM! IT WAS *AWESOME!*

NEED... HELIUM...

BALLOONS

OOH! WAS IT IRON MAN?

SCARLET WITCH?

HELIO, YOU WERE THERE! C'MON. TELL 'EM.

NEVER. I WILL *NEVER* TELL.

WHY?

BECAUSE YOU *WANT* ME TO!

MAN, YOU'RE ANNOYING.

I KNOW. THANKS FOR THE HELIUM THOUGH. YOU'RE A GOOD KID.

IT WAS *SANTA.*

SANTA CLAUS? *REALLY?*

YOU *GOTTA* BELIEVE ME.

HEY. I BELIEVE YOU, SPIDER-BOY.

AND MY SQUIRRELS DO TOO!

nuh uh

the END

EPILOGUE...

MERRY CHRISTMAS, BAILEY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WHATEVER.

STILL UPSET ABOUT YOUR *PHONE*, HUH?

OUTSIDE OF MY SUPER-HERO COSTUME, IT WAS ALL I HAD ON ME WHEN I GOT *ERASED*.

SO WHEN I CAME BACK, IT WAS THE *ONE THING* I OWNED. AND NOW IT'S *GONE*.

WELL, HERE'S A *NEW* THING JUST FOR *YOU*.

IT WAS UNDER THE TREE, AND LOOK WHO IT'S *FROM*.

NO WAY!

FROM SANTA

HEY, *YOU* SAID YOU TWO MET AT THANKSGIVING.

WHAT'D HE GET YOU?

IT'S A PICTURE. OF ME AND MY *MOM*.

BUT YOU SAID THEY WERE ALL *GONE!* HOW DID HE--?

I GUESS HE *WAS* SANTA!

IT'S THE *GREATEST* GIFT *EVER*.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, MOM.

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AND TRUST ME, GETTING ZERO STARS FROM KILLIONAIRE IS A DEATH SENTENCE!

KID, I DID MY BEST...

DID YOU, TASKMASTER? DID YOU REALLY?

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO STEAL THE SUPER-ADAPTOID FOR ME...

...SO THAT DR. STILLWELL HERE COULD REBUILD IT...

SEE LAST ISSUE. --ELLIE

...INTO A SUIT OF ARMOR THAT'D GIVE ME ALL THE POWERS OF THE AVENGERS!

LOOK AT HOW AWESOME THAT WOULD'VE BEEN! LOOK!

HEY! PART 'A MY PAYMENT WAS THAT SHANNON WAS GONNA MAKE ME ONE OF THEM SUITS!

SO I'M OUT OF POCKET TOO!

AND TO BE FAIR, TASKMASTER DID ACQUIRE A SMALL PIECE OF THE ADAPTOID FOR ME TO WORK WITH.

ITS HAND.

A HAND?! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH THAT?! THAT'S USELESS!

I SWEAR I WILL DOXX YOU! YOU AND EVERYONE THAT YOU LOVE!

EASY THERE, KILLER. BEFORE YOU GO ABOUT DESTROYING ANYBODY...

...WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I WAS ABLE TO CONSTRUCT...

...OUT OF WHAT WE *DO* HAVE?

VOILA!

I GIVE TO YOU ***THE TOY SOLDIER!***

A LIMITED-EDITION ***ACTION FIGURE.*** THE ***ONLY*** ONE IN EXISTENCE!

AN ***EXCLUSIVE?*** COOL. SO? WHAT'S IT DO?

IT'S REMOTE-CONTROLLED, ACTIVATED BY ***YOUR*** VOICE--AND YOUR VOICE ***ALONE!***

AND IT HAS ***ALL*** THE POWERS OF ***THE AVENGERS!***

THAT'S IT?!

WHERE'S ***MY*** CUT? WHAT DO I GET?!

TOY SOLDIER?

YES, COMMANDER?

DESTROY TASKMASTER.

AS YOU WISH.

HA! YEAH, BOY! DO IT! REPULSOR HIS #$%&!

RECALIBRATING WEAPON SYSTEMS.

TARGETING SUBJECT'S #$%&.

SHRAKKK

NOT COOL, MAN! IF I SURVIVE THIS, I'M CHARGING YOU *DOUBLE!* GOT THAT?!

LOVING IT, SHANNON! EXCELLENT WORK.

NO NEED TO WRAP IT UP, SWEETHEART. I'LL TAKE IT *AS IS.*

MEANWHILE...
In Midtown Manhattan.

AHHH! SOMEBODY, HELP!
GREEEEAK
HANG ON!
23 AV.
SPIDER-BOY! RUNNING UP A WALL!
SPIDER-BOY! SINGING HIS OWN SPECIAL THEME SONG!
BUT HE'S NOT GOOD AT COMING UP WITH RHYMES!
BECAUSE HE'S TOO BUSY SAVING THIS LADY...
MRROWRR!
...AND HER CAT!
OH MY! YOU OKAY, JOSEPHINE?
PRRR
JUST LIKE THAT! SPIDER-BOY!
CLANGGG

OH, THANK YOU!

"SPIDER-BOY," WAS IT? HOW COULD JOSEPHINE AND I *EVER* REPAY Y--?

TWENTY BUCKS.

WHA--?

RRR?

LADY, YOU *ASKED.* HEY, I THINK I'M LETTING YOU OFF *CHEAP.*

ARE YOU SAYING YOUR *LIFE* ISN'T WORTH TWENTY BUCKS?

WHAT ABOUT YOUR *CAT*--HOW MUCH IS *SHE* WORTH?

SPIDER-BOY!

WHAT KIND OF *SUPER HERO* ARE YOU?!

KIDDING! HE WAS *JUST* KIDDING!

THAT'S THE KIND OF SUPER HERO HE IS. THE KIDDING KIND.

OR MAYBE HE'S THE KIND WHO *LIKES TO EAT!*

BAILEY BRIGGS, WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE YOU THINKING?

YOU CAN'T CHARGE PEOPLE FOR SAVING THEM. THAT'S JUST PLAIN WRONG.

YEAH, CHRISTINA? WHY NOT? AS SPIDER-BOY, I'M PROVIDING A SERVICE.

COPS AND FIREFIGHTERS GET PAID FOR DOING THEIR JOBS. WHY NOT ME?

I NEED IT SO I CAN BUY THINGS.

WHEN I GOT ERASED FROM REALITY AND WAS BROUGHT BACK, ALL OF MY STUFF WAS GONE!

LIKE, THE ONLY THING I HAD LEFT WAS MY PHONE.

AND THAT GOT STOLEN THE OTHER DAY.

SEE SPIDER-BOY #2. --ELLIE

YOU COULD ALWAYS ASK MY MOM OR DAD FOR SOME MONEY.

I CAN'T DO THAT. YOUR FAMILY MAY HAVE TAKEN ME IN...

...BUT WE ALL LIVE IN A HOMELESS SHELTER.

YOU GUYS ARE WORKING AND SAVING UP TO GET OUT OF THERE.

KEEP OUT

RESTRICTED AREA

KEEP OUT

I'D GET A JOB AND HELP OUT TOO. BUT I'M JUST A KID.

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S A SHAME PEOPLE DON'T PAY YOU TO BE A SUPER HERO.

WAIT! THERE IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE PAY YOU TO DO EXACTLY THAT!

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♪DA-DA-DING DA-DA-DING
♪DA-DA-DONG-DONG♪

PLAYED TO ALAN SILVESTRI'S **AVENGERS** THEME. --ELLIE

YES?

DOWN HERE.

HI. I'M *SPIDER-BOY.* I'M A SUPER HERO. I'VE WORKED WITH SPIDER-MAN *AND* CAPTAIN AMERICA.

AND I AM READY TO JOIN THE *AVENGERS!*

SO...HOW MUCH DO YOU *PAY?*

SLAM

WELL, *THAT* BITES.

A FEW BLOCKS AWAY...

YOU'RE HERE, IN REAL TIME, WITH *KILLIONAIRE* AND MY *NEW* TOY!

I WOULD'VE DONE AN UNBOXING VIDEO, BUT THERE'S NO BOX THAT COULD EVER CONTAIN *MY* BOY.

CHECK HIM OUT! MY EXCLUSIVE, HIGH-END, *ADAPTIVE* ACTION FIGURE, THE *TOY SOLDIER!*

AWAITING YOUR COMMAND.

SEE THAT SIGN?

THOSE LOSERS REFUSED TO PLAY THEIR NEW SINGLE ON MY LIVESTREAM.

THE GLIMMERING GLORIES

ANNIHILATE 'EM!

I HEAR AND OBEY.

YOU LIKE THAT?

JOIN THE CHAT. REQUEST WHICH AVENGER MY TOY SHOULD TRANSFORM INTO NEXT!

SHRKOWWW

AND *THAT*, BOYD, IS HOW YOU GET A KAZILLION LIKES.

AHH! WATCH OUT!

SEE THAT *RED* FERRARI? *UGH.* HOW *OBVIOUS.*

ANYONE WHO'D OWN A FERRARI AND MAKE IT *RED* DOESN'T DESERVE ONE.

SMASH IT!

RECONFIGURING FOR OPTIMAL--

--SMASH MODE!

KRUNK

HA! NOICE! YOU *WATCHING* THIS?!

LIKE AND SUBSCRIBE FOR MORE! *#KILLIONAIRE!*

TH-THAT WAS *MY* CAR!

YOUR DOG ANNOYS ME.

TOY SOLDIER, *LOSE* THE DOG.

YAP! YIPE! YIP!

WHERE TO, COMMANDER?

CHUCK IT INTO THE SUN.

MAISIE!

DISTANCE TO SUN, 93 MILLION MILES. ESTIMATED FLIGHT TIME...

AWROO

FINE. INTO THE EAST RIVER, THEN.

RETARGETING. SUBJECT LAUNCHED.

ERKKK

YPE YPE YPE!

GOTCHA!

WUFF!

DON'T WORRY, GIRL.

I'LL GET YA...

...BACK DOWN ON THE GROUND, SAFE AND SOUND.

AND *FREE* OF CHARGE. SEE? I'M LEARNING.

THERE YOU GO! SORRY I DIDN'T GET HERE SOONER.

YOUR POOR CAR.

YIP YAP

THE CAR'S NOTHING. I CAN ALWAYS GET *ANOTHER* CAR. BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE OF HER.

KILLIONAIRE! IF IT ISN'T EARTH'S MOST ENTITLED INFLUENCER.

HEY, BOYD. FLOYD. LONG TIME NO SEE. HE STILL PAYING YOU TWO WITH "EXPOSURE"?

I'M SORRY, AND YOU ARE...?

SPIDER-BOY. YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ME. I GET THAT. BUT AFTER *TODAY*...

...***YOU*** AND ***ALL*** OF YOUR FOLLOWERS WILL KNOW ME AS "THE KID WHO KICKED YOUR SORRY BUTT."

YEAH. I THINK NOT. ***TOY SOLDIER!*** ENGAGE! SQUASH THIS LITTLE NOBODY!

"TOY SOLDIER"? WHAT'RE YOU ON ABOUT NOW?

DESIGNATION ***TOY SOLDIER***, THE ULTIMATE ACTION FIGURE!

WITH THE POWER OF ***EVERY SINGLE AVENGER!***

FOLLOW ME @KILLIONAIRE.

KPOW

GYAH!

SO, YOU'RE REALLY PROUD OF THIS--OWI--NEW TOY OF YOURS, AREN'T YOU?

THAT MEANS-- OOMPH!-- I'M GONNA LOVE BREAKING IT...

...RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU! UNGH!

HEY! NO FAIR! SURFER'S NOT ONE OF THE AVENGERS!

OKAY. TIGRA'S ON POINT-- YEOW!

INITIATE FINAL TAKEDOWN!

SKKCH

KEERAKK

GYAH! HE CAN BECOME THOR?! I GOTTA FIGHT SOMEONE WITH THOR-LEVEL POWER?!

GOOD LUCK WITH THAT, YOU NOOB! WHY AM I EVEN STREAMING THIS. YOU'RE A NOBODY!

SHOES ARE NICE THOUGH. TOY SOLDIER, BRING THEM TO ME!

WHAT?! NO! DON'T!

THEY'RE, LIKE, ALL I HAVE LEFT!

THAT MAKES IT EVEN *FUNNIER!* DOESN'T IT, FLOYD?

HYSTERICAL, SIR.

PLEASE DON'T TAKE THOSE. THE *REAL* THOR WOULDN'T.

I AM *NOT* HIM. I AM A CHILD'S PLAYTHING, AND I DO WHAT I AM TOLD.

IS THAT SO?

WELL, LET'S SEE HOW *YOU* LIKE IT...

...WHEN SOMEONE TAKES *YOUR* STUFF!

GNNH!

CAN'T--

--LIFT--

--TINY--

--HAMMER!

NO. THAT BELONGS TO *ME.*

HEY!

KILLIONAIRE THINKS HE KNOWS *WHO* DESERVES WHAT *THINGS*.

BUT GUESS WHAT? HERE'S SOMETHING THAT YOU *KNOW* BELONGS TO *JUST* YOU.

IF THAT HAMMER'S ANYTHING LIKE THOR'S...

...THERE SHOULD BE AN INSCRIPTION ON IT. *READ IT.*

WHOSOEVER HOLDS THIS HAMMER, IF THEE BE WORTHY, SHALL POSSESS THE POWER OF THOR

IF YOU CAN HOLD THAT HAMMER, YOU *DESERVE* IT.

YOU'RE NOT SOME SHOE THIEF. OR SOMEBODY WHO FOLLOWS ORDERS.

THERE'S SOMETHING *WORTHY* INSIDE YOU!

BORED NOW. AND SO IS EVERYONE ON MY LIVESTREAM.

C'MON. MESS HIM UP ALREADY. AND BRING ME HIS KICKS.

THAT'S AN ORDER, LITTLE GUY!

NO.

YOU CAN'T SAY NO TO ME!

I OWN YOU!

NO. I HAVE FREE WILL. I HAVE MORE THAN THE POWER OF EVERY AVENGER.

I HAVE THEIR HEART AND SOUL AS WELL.

AND I WILL FOLLOW YOU NO MORE.

YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG.

AND I WOULD SERVE BY YOUR SIDE WHILE YOU FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.

I DO. IF YOU WOULD HAVE ME.

WHOA! ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO BE MY SIDEKICK?

I COULD HAVE THE COOLEST TOY IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

NAH. THAT'S NOT WHY I'M DOING THIS.

YOU BE YOUR *OWN* HERO.

YOU GOT THIS. GO OUT THERE AND DO SOME *GOOD.*

I WILL. I SWEAR IT.

THANK YOU, SPIDER-BOY!

ANYTIME!

I WILL SEEK OUT NEW ADVENTURES! FIND THOSE IN NEED! AND HELP WHENEVER I CAN!

I AM THE *TOY SOLDIER!* AN ARMY OF *ONE* WITH THE *MIGHT* OF *EVERY AVENGER!*

COME BACK HERE *NOW!* DON'T YOU GET IT?! YOU'RE *MINE!*

I LITERALLY HAVE *THE RECEIPTS!*

GIVE IT A REST, RICHIE RICH. YOU GOT OTHER STUFF TO WORRY ABOUT.

LIKE HOW YOU *LIVE-STREAMED* ALL OF THIS...

...INCLUDING ALL OF YOUR *CRIMES.* HOPE YOU ENJOY *JUVIE.*

PLEASE. MY HIGH-PRICED LAWYERS CAN GET ME OUT OF *ANYTHING.*

I'M *KILLIONAIRE*-- I ALWAYS GET *MY WAY!*

REALLY? 'CAUSE I SEE SOMEBODY WHO HAD THE COOLEST, ONE-OF-A-KIND TOY AND *LOST* IT. IN FACT...

...I GUESS THAT MEANS FROM NOW ON, THERE'LL ALWAYS BE *ONE* THING OUT THERE YOU CAN *NEVER* OWN.

SEE YA!

YOU-- YOU--

YOU'LL *PAY* FOR THAT, SPIDER-BRAT!

I DON'T CARE HOW LONG IT TAKES OR HOW MUCH IT *COSTS* ME!

I'LL MAKE YOU PAY!

HEY, BAILEY. CAN YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?

CHRISTINA, C'MON. THIS'S *NEW YORK.*

WHAT DO YOU *THINK* IS HAPPENING?

SUPER-HERO *FIGHT!*

HOPE IT'S *IRON MAN!* NEVER SEEN HIM LIVE!

WHO NEEDS STREAMING SERVICES WHEN WE GET THIS ON THE STREET EVERY DAY?

CHECK IT OUT! IT'S *THE MIGHTY THOR!*

I DETECT FAINT TRACES OF *URU* IN YOUR ARMOR, CREATURE!

WHY HAVE YOU TRAVELED HERE TO *MIDGARD?*

TELL ME! WHAT ARE YOUR DESIGNS ON THE PEOPLE OF EARTH?! *SPEAK!*

WHOA! THAT LOOKS *INTENSE!*

THINK YOU SHOULD TURN INTO *SPIDER-BOY* AND LEND A HAND?

IN A *THOR* FIGHT? *NAH.* THAT'S *MEGA* OUT OF *MY* LEAGUE.

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HELP. EXCEPT...

EXCEPT WHAT? BAILEY BRIGGS, WHAT *AREN'T* YOU TELLING ME?

EXCEPT...IT'D MEAN USING MY *SECRET* SUPER-POWER.

NO WAY!

YEAH. BUT I CAN ONLY DO IT WHEN I'M IN MY *MONSTER FORM.* AND I *HATE* THAT.

'CAUSE THAT'S WHEN EVERYONE LOOKS AT ME LIKE I'M SOME KINDA *FREAK.*

SO, YOU *DON'T* WANT TO HELP THOR?

BUT...

UM...

FINE! I'LL DO IT!

HEY, *YOU* WANTED A BETTER VIEW OF THE SUPER-HERO FIGHT.

CUTE, CHRISTINA. *REAL* CUTE.

YOU PUT UP A VALIANT EFFORT, CREATURE!

THOU TRULY ARE A MOST *WORTHY* FOE!

!!!!! !!!!! !!! !!!!!

HEY, AVENGER...

...COULD YOU USE A SIDEKICK?

I HAVE HEARD TALES OF SPIDER-MAN'S YOUNG *SECOND*...

...AND I WOULD NOT SEE THE WALL-CRAWLER'S CHARGE JOIN IN ON SUCH A *DANGEROUS BATTLE!*

TRUST ME, THOR. THIS ONE'S RIGHT UP ***MY*** ALLEY.

!!!! !!!!!

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!!!!!

SPIDER-BOY?!

!!!! !!!! !!!!! !!!!!? !!! !! !! !!! !! !!! !!!!

THOU SPEAKETH *SPIDER?*

YEAH. I DO.

ASGARDIAN SPIDER?

I DOTH.

!!! !!!.

HE SAYS HIS NAME'S *KLÖPP*. HE FELL DOWN A MAGIC PORTAL.

HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE "HERE" IS. HE'S *VERY* SCARED.

ALSO, HE'S A *PET*. AND HE MISSES HIS OWNER... A *MR. ULIK*, THE TROLL.

YOU ARE A LONG WAY FROM *NORNHEIM*, KLÖPP...

...BUT NOT TO FEAR, THE SON OF ODIN SHALL SOON SET THINGS *RIGHT!*

COOL EFFECTS!

BEHOLD!

KRAK-A-THOOM

THUNDER GOD?!

HOW *DARE* YOU SUMMON FORTH *ULIK* SO!

I SHALL TEACH THEE TO--

KLÖPPSIE!

THIS IS ADORABLE! LIKE THOSE VIRAL VIDEOS OF SOLDIERS COMING HOME TO THEIR DOGS. YOU EVER SEE THOSE?

NAY. BUT I GETTETH THE "GIST."

COME TO DADDY, BABY!

!!! !!!!

AYE! I MISSED YOU TOO!

!!! !!!

I SEARCHED *EVERYWHERE* FOR YOU. I SWEAR! AND HUNG PORTRAITS OF YOU ACROSS *ALL* THE TEN REALMS!

SO? HOW'D I DO, MR. ODINSON, SIR?

YOU HEARD THE CALL TO BATTLE...

...AND ANSWERED IT LIKE A *TRUE HERO*, YOUNG SPIDER.

YOU SEE THAT?

IT'S THAT *NEW* KID. WHAT'S HIS NAME?

SPIDER-BOY!

WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH HIM?

IT'S LIKE THE *BUGLE* SAID. HE'S A *MONSTER!*

SEE THAT PICTURE OF HIM *BITING* ELECTRO?

SO CREEPY!

OH NO. MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE EGGED YOU ON...

THINK HE'S A *VAMPIRE?*

DEFINITELY MORE *SPIDER* THAN BOY!

*UGH. I **KNEW** THIS WOULD HAPPEN.*

TRUST ME, CHILD, IT MATTERS *NOT* WHAT THE RABBLE THINKS OF YOU...

...ONLY WHAT *YOU* THINK OF YOURSELF.

I GUESS. IT'S JUST...I *NEVER* WANTED PEOPLE TO SEE ME THIS

*--NEVER WANTED PEOPLE TO SEE ME **THIS** WAY.*

*WHAT IF THIS IS THE **ONLY** WAY THEY THINK OF ME NOW?*

WHAT IF THEY NEVER STOP?

*WHAT IF IT GETS **EVEN** WORSE?*

AN IIIIINTERESTING QUESTION, CHILD.

AND WHAT IF I WERE TO HELP *MOVE* THAT ALONG, *EH?*

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"NIGHTMARE SCENARIO" | "MISSING PIECES"

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER.

That sounds fun, right? Let's see what's playing.

FEAST

HI. FOR EVERYONE WHO'S STAYING IN WITH US TONIGHT...

...WE HAVE ONE OF MY NEPHEW PETER'S FAVORITE MOVIES: *FAST CAR FAMILY FIVE!*

DL

A DREAMER AND A DOER

DID MAY SAY "*FIVE*"? THAT'S *ANCIENT.*

FAST CAR FAMILY X IS PLAYING AT THE THEATER DOWN THE *STREET!*

BAILEY, CUT IT OUT.

WE LIVE IN A *SHELTER.* NO ONE HERE CAN AFFORD TO GO TO THE MOVIES.

UGH. EVERYTHING *WORTH* DOING COSTS MONEY.

WELL, NOT *EVERYTHING.*

DIDN'T LUCKY LANE'S BOWLING ALLEY GIVE YOU A *LIFETIME* PASS?

YEAH! AS *SPIDER-BOY.* CHRISTINA, GRAB YOUR COAT. WE'RE GOING *BOWLING.*

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUIT!

LUCKY LANE'S BOWLING ALLEY.

YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT THIS!

WAIT. YOU DON'T HAVE SUPER *SPIDER-AIM* OR SOMETHING, DO YOU?

NAH. IF I DID...

...YOU'D THINK *SPIDEY* WOULD'VE TRUSTED ME WITH *WEB-SHOOTERS* BY NOW.

GNH! C'MON. C'MON! *C'MON!*

STEE-RIKE!

SWEET! THIS CALLS FOR...

...TWO ORDERS OF *CELEBRATORY NACHOS*, MY GOOD MAN.

2x1 NACHOS Night

CHEESE!

THAT'LL BE $8.50.

BUT I'M *SPIDER-BOY.*

OKAY. THAT'LL BE $8.50, *SPIDER-BOY.*

I *SAVED* THIS BOWLING ALLEY A FEW WEEKS AGO.

I SHOULD GET *FREE* NACHOS.

FOR *LIFE.*

OH, WOE IS YOU.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU *STILL* HAVE *SUPER-POWERS.*

HOW IS THAT *NOT* FUN?!

YEAH! I'M SPIDER-MAN'S SIDEKICK! THAT'S COOL!

I'LL JUST CHECK OUT SOME OF HIS USUAL, NIGHTLY PATROL ROUTES...

...AND SEE WHAT THE *BOSS* IS UP TO!

CHRISTINA'S RIGHT. I'M A JERK.

I MEAN WHAT KID WOULD RATHER WATCH A MOVIE OR GO BOWLING...

...WHEN THEY COULD BE DOING *THIS*?!

HERE WE GO!

WONDER WHO WE'RE FIGHTING THIS TIME.

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP...

...THE *VULTURIONS* ARE LIKE GOING UP AGAINST THE *VULTURE* TIMES *FOUR!*

MORE LIKE IT TAKES FOUR OF 'EM TO MAKE *ONE* VULTURE.

HEY! THAT HURTS, MAN.

Huh. HE *DIDN'T* CALL ME IN ON THIS ONE...

...BUT HE BROUGHT *MILES?*

STILL... THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR *MORE*, RIGHT?

YO! SPIDEY, CAN I HELP?!

SPIDER-BOY?! WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?

NO! IT'S *LATE*. YOU SHOULD BE IN *BED*. AND THESE GUYS ARE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE.

:SNORT: NO. THEY'RE REALLY *NOT!*

LISTEN! WE'RE COMMITTING DARING PENTHOUSE ROBBERIES AT *HIGH* ALTITUDES!

WE'RE PUTTING FORTH OUR *BEST* EFFORT HERE.

AND YOU GUYS ARE JUST BEING *MEAN*.

C'MON. I'D MAKE IT THREE AGAINST FOUR. IT'LL EVEN OUT THE ODDS!

NO. AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY BACK TALK.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, KID...

...YOU'RE *BENCHED*.

GREAT.

FOR *THIS*, I GAVE UP BOWLING.

LATER...

NICE WORK THERE, *AMIGO*. IT'S LIKE THEY SAY, "A BIRD IN THE HAND..."

"...IS WORTH FOUR IN THE WEB!"

BUMP

ONE: THAT WASN'T EVEN A JOKE. ***NO ONE*** SAYS THAT. I DON'T EVEN KNOW ***WHAT*** THAT IS.

AND ***TWO:*** VULTURIONS ARE ***NOT*** OUT OF MY LEAGUE. I ***SO*** COULD HAVE HELPED.

DUDE, I AGREE WITH YOU. BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO BE JEALOUS ABOUT THIS.

I'M ***NOT*** JEALOUS. YOU'RE HIS ***PARTNER***. I'M HIS ***SIDEKICK***.

I GET MY PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE: I AM ***NOT*** JEALOUS.

WHEN YOU SAY IT ***TWICE***, IT KINDA SOUNDS LIKE YOU ***ARE***.

KID, MY ***REAL*** PROBLEM WITH YOU IS ***TRUST***.

YOU POP UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND ***SAY*** YOU WANT TO BE ON TEAM SPIDEY...

...BUT YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING THINGS FROM ME.

YOU... FOUND OUT ABOUT MY SECRET SUPER-POWER, DIDN'T YOU?

THOR TOLD ME.

Um. SHOULD I BE HEARING THIS?

BAILEY...

WHEN HE'S IN HIS MONSTER FORM, BAILEY CAN TALK TO SPIDERS. --ELLIE

"...WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THE NIGHT AND *SLEEP* ON IT.

"AND *TOMORROW*, WE CAN TALK ABOUT WHERE WE STAND. AND IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WANT TO KEEP DOING."

:Sniff:

SORRY. DIDN'T MEAN TO.

BAILEY?

ARE YOU OKAY?

S-SPIDEY, DON'T GO. I--

EASY THERE, BUD. THINK YOU'RE HAVING A NIGHTMARE. BAILEY?

AAAH!!

I KNEW IT! YOU *ACT* LIKE YOU'RE MY FRIEND...

...BUT WHEN YOU SEE ME LIKE *THIS*, YOU THINK I'M A *FREAK TOO!*

BAILEY! C'MON! IT WAS JUST A SHOCK THAT'S ALL!

I'VE SEEN YOU MONSTERED OUT BEFORE...

...IT'S NO BIG THING. *REALLY.*

GET *OUTTA* HERE, CHRISSY!

LEAVE ME *ALONE.*

I--I--I JUST WANNA GO BACK TO SLEEP.

FINE. *BE* THAT WAY...

"...DO WHATEVER YOU WANT."

MMMMM...

Bowling

MNUMMA MNUMMA MUNCHA!

HOT DOGS

NACHOS

CHEESE

SQUOOSH

Fanya!

NOMMA NMOMMA MNUNCH!

MNAH-CHOS!

OUTTA THE WAY!
MOVE IT!
WHAT WAS THAT THING?!
WHO CARES?!
VILLAGE CINEMA
FAST CAR FAMILY X
HONEY, I'M SCARED!
JUST GO!
DIRK! WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH NITROUS TO MAKE THE JUMP!
WE'LL NEVER CLEAR THE SPHINX!
OUR CARS DON'T NEED NITROUS...
...THEY RUN ON FAMILY!
Muncha muncha muncha
HA HA HA!
FAM-I-LY! HA HA!

ALMOST FINISHED MY PATROL.

MAYBE I SHOULD SWING BACK TO THE EAST VILLAGE AND CHECK IN ON...

SPIDER-SENSE!

WHAT THE--?!

BAILEY?! IS THAT YOU?!

HSSS! WHY?!

JEALOUSSS?!

GUESS THIS *CAN'T* WAIT TILL MORNING.

GOTTA FIND THIS KID *PRONTO.* AND I KNOW JUST WHERE TO START.

FEAST

HI. DON'T MIND ME. JUST PASSING THROUGH...

OOH! *FAST CAR FAMILY FIVE!* THAT'S A *GOOD* ONE!

CAN I HELP YOU, SPIDER-MAN?

I'M LOOKING FOR CHRISTINA XU?

RIGHT DOWN THE HALL. SECOND DOOR.

*THIS AIN'T A **RACE** CAR, BILLY. IT'S A **FAMILY** CAR!*

CHRISSY, YOU KNOW BAILEY BETTER THAN ANYBODY.

DO YOU HAVE ***ANY*** IDEA WHERE HE MIGHT BE NOW?

I DON'T KNOW. HIS BED'S UNMADE...

...AND HE WAS MONSTERING OUT EARLIER.

IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE HE WAS IN *CONTROL* THIS TIME.

IS HE GONNA BE OKAY, SPIDEY?

WISH I COULD GIVE YOU AN ANSWER, BUT AS FAR WE KNOW...

...HE ***MIGHT*** BE A WILD CREATURE WE'VE TAKEN IN. ONE THAT'S NOW LOOSE IN THE CITY--

REALLY?!

BAILEY?!

YEAH! I GOT UP TO USE THE BATHROOM.

THIN DOOR BY THE WAY.

YOU GUYS *REALLY* THINK I'M SOME KIND OF *MONSTER* NOW?!

REPORTS ARE COMING IN FROM ALL OVER THE CITY...

...OF A HALF-*BOY*, HALF-*SPIDER* CAUSING ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE.

NO MORE *LIES*, BAILEY. NO MORE *SECRETS*. IS IT *YOU*?

OH, *THAT'S* RICH, COMING FROM YOU...

...A GUY WITH A BAZILLION *DAILY BUGLE* HEADLINES CALLING HIM A *MENACE!*

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT.

WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP TO, BAILEY BRIGGS?

NO! WE'RE *NOT* DOING THIS!

WE'RE *DONE!* AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN SAY OR DO TO CHANGE MY MI--

BUMP

AAAIIII!

MY SPIDER-SENSE!

BAILEY?! IS THAT *YOU*?!

PAL, WAIT UP!

YOU GOT ONE OF YOUR PSYCHIC FLASHES, DIDN'T YOU?

SOMEONE'S IN DANGER! WHO?!

WHO DO YOU THINK? SPIDEY'S *REAL* PAL!

MILESSS!

DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU.

WHICH IS WHY I'VE BEEN GOING *EASY* ON YOU.

NOOO!

I'M OUT OF *YOUR* LEAGUE! HSS!

BUT I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT VENOM *BITE* OF YOURS.

YOU'RE *NOT* SINKING THOSE TEETH INTO ME...

...NOT WHILE I'VE GOT MY *OWN* VENOM-Y THING...

...MY VENOM-SABER!

SPIDEY, DON'T!

YOU MIGHT HURT HIM!

HEEYA!

BAILEY?!

UM. WHAT NOW?!

STAND DOWN!

HSSSAA!

LET'S *TALK*, OKAY? YOU AND ME. WE CAN DO THAT, RIGHT?

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SPIDEY? YOU ALL RIGHT?

HONEST ANSWER? *NOPE*. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

SOME KINDA *FAKE* SPIDER-BOY'S BEEN RUNNING AROUND...

...TRYING TO MAKE *OUR* SPIDER-BOY LOOK BAD!

I SHOULDA SEEN THAT COMING. CHAMELEON AND MYSTERIO DO THAT KINDA STUFF TO ME *ALL* THE TIME!

WELL, THIS TIME *WE'VE* GOT HIM OUTNUMBERED THREE TO ONE! RIGHT, KID?

OUT OF THE WAY--

STOP!

BRIGGS!

HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING!

IT'S NOT HIS FAULT!

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WHAT'D YOU SAY TO HIM?

HE'S THE *EVIDENCE* YOU NEED TO *PROVE* SPIDER-BOY HASN'T GONE BAD.

YEAH? THE JURY'S STILL OUT ON THAT.

GET OUT OF HERE, BOY! GO!

CHRISTINA'S RIGHT. HE NEEDS TO COME WITH US!

NOT HAPPENING!

THWIP

HEY! YOU HIT ME MID-THWIP!

THE HARD WAY IT IS, THEN.

AFTER YOU.

AND THROUGH ME!

BAILEY, HE'S GETTING AWAY! THESE ARE YOUR *FRIENDS*. THEY'RE ON *YOUR* SIDE!

NO, THEY'RE *NOT*! AND *NEITHER* ARE *YOU*!

ONE NIGHT WAS ALL IT TOOK...

...FOR ALL OF MY SO-CALLED "FRIENDS" TO THINK I WAS SOME KIND OF *MONSTER*!

THE WORLD MAY HAVE *FORGOTTEN* ME, BUT THIS IS *WORSE*.

NONE OF YOU *KNOW* ME! WELL, MAYBE I DON'T WANNA KNOW *YOU*!

I'M *DONE* BEING YOUR *SIDEKICK*! I DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF YOUR *FAMILY*!

I DON'T NEED YOU OR THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER! OR *ANY* OF IT! THERE'S ONLY *ONE* PERSON ON *MY* SIDE NOW!

AND THAT'S *ME*!

TO BE CONTINUED...

THE FARM.
The Secret Laboratory of Madame Monstrosity and her Humanimals.
IDENTITY: UNKNOWN
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IDENTITY: UNKNOWN
YOU MAY HAVE FOUND A WAY TO MAKE EVERYONE *ELSE* IN THE WORLD FORGET YOU, *SPIDER-BOY*...
...BUT NOT *ME!*
I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHO YOU ARE!
YOUR TEA, MA'AM.
NEVER INTERRUPT ME WHEN I'M *EXPOUNDING*, TABBY. OR...?
YOU'LL SKIN ME ALIVE.
YES, DEAR. NOW AS I WAS SAYING...
...HAVING RECENTLY UNMASKED THE LITTLE SPIDER-BRAT...
...I SAW *EVERYTHING* I NEEDED TO IDENTIFY THAT TROUBLESOME TODDLER. CARE TO GUESS?
YOU MAY SPEAK NOW.
Um... HIS *FACE*, MA'AM?
NO, DARLING. HIS *BATCH NUMBER.*
YOU SEE THE WEB-LESS WONDER IS CLEARLY ONE OF *MY* CREATIONS.
BACK IN **SPIDER-BOY #1.**
--ELLIE
AND THOUGH HIS *NAME* HAS FADED ON THIS STORAGE UNIT...
...HIS *BATCH NUMBER* IS STILL CLEAR AS DAY.
AS ARE THESE BIOLOGICAL REMAINS INSIDE.
ELI HARTMAN
HELLIFINO

ALL THE PARTS OF THE *SPIDER* THAT WERE *NOT* SPLICED INTO THE *BOY*...

...AND ALL THE PARTS OF THE *BOY* THAT WERE REMOVED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE *SPIDER*.

NOW, WHAT DO YOU *THINK* WILL HAPPEN WHEN I *MIX* THEM TOGETHER...

...ALONG WITH SOME OF MY *ARTIFICIAL PROTOPLASM*...

...TO MAKE UP FOR THE MISSING *MASS*?!

DON'T ANSWER.

THAT WAS RHETORICAL.

I KNOW *EXACTLY* WHAT WILL HAPPEN...

...BECAUSE I'M A *FRICKING GENIUS!*

BEHOLD!

INSTEAD OF BRINGING *ANOTHER* BORING OLD SPIDER-BOY INTO THE WORLD...

...INSTEAD, I HAVE *CREATED*...

...A BEAUTIFUL, BOUNCING BABY

BOY-SPIDER!

MMMAHH NNNAH!

SPEAK, MY SWEET CHERUB! SAY YOUR *FIRST* FABULOUS WORDS TO US *ALL!*

NNNACHOS!

Hmm. I BELIEVE A CERTAIN ***SOMEONE*** OUT THERE IS THINKING OF NACHOS.

OH, THIS IS WORKING EVEN BETTER THAN I'D PLANNED.

NOW TO ***DRESS*** YOU FOR THE PART! ***MR. MUTTMAN,*** HAVE YOU FINISHED BOY-SPIDER'S OUTFIT?

RIGHT HERE, MUM.

BUT THIS IS COMPLETELY ***WRONG!***

YOU'VE SWITCHED ALL THE ***BLUE*** AND ***RED*** BITS!

I--I--I DIDN'T KNOW, MUM.

I'M A ***DOG.*** I CAN'T SEE COLOR.

AH. YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S ON ***ME.***

COME ALONG, CHILDREN...

...WE'RE GOING FOR A ***RIDE!***

A LITTLE FIELD TRIP TO WHERE OUR GOOD FRIEND ***SPIDER-BOY*** LIVES!

NOW, DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE ***FUN?!***

STILLWELL FARMS

AND SPEAKING OF ***FUN...***

...***HAPPY BIRTHDAY,*** MY SPECIAL LITTLE BOY-SPIDER!

GO! RUN, ROMP, AND PLAY...

HSSSS!

"...MUMMY WANTS YOU TO *TREAT* YOURSELF!

"DON'T HOLD BACK. YOU DO WHATEVER YOUR DARLING LITTLE HEART DESIRES!

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MNACHOSSS!

FAST CAR FAMILY 6

MOVIESSS!

MILESSS!

MMMM!

BOWLARAMA
NACHOS
PIZZA
NOMMA NMOMMA MNUNCH!
MNAH-CHOS!
Muncha muncha!
--FAMILY!
HA HA HA! FAM-I-LY!
EXIT
HSSS!
MILES, DON'T! YOU MIGHT HURT HIM!
BAILEY?! UM, WHAT NOW?!
HEEYA!
LET'S TALK! YOU AND ME. WE CAN DO THAT, RIGHT?
<WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?>
<I--I AM TRYING TO BE LIKE YOU, B-B-BAILEY!>
<YOU AND I ARE THE SAME. I CAN FEEL IT. WE ARE FAMILY!>
TRANSLATED FROM SPIDER. --ELLIE

OUT OF THE WAY--

BRIGGS!

STOP!

HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS DOING! IT'S NOT HIS FAULT!

<I--I FEEL IT TOO! I UNDERSTAND, BUT THEY ***WON'T!***>

<TRUST ME! YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE ***NOW!*** I'LL SLOW THEM DOWN!>

<THANK YOU... BROTHER!>

BAILEY? WHAT'D YOU SAY TO HIM?

THERE HE IS! THERE'S OUR ***BIRTHDAY BOY!***

HSSSS!

POOR LITTLE POPPET. YOU'VE HAD A ***BUSY*** DAY, HAVEN'T YOU?

DON'T WORRY, DARLING. WE'RE GOING HOME NOW, AND MADAME M. WILL MAKE EVERYTHING BETTER.

HREEEEE!

MUM? HE WON'T CALM DOWN.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIM BACK THERE HAS REALLY SPOOKED HIM.

HREE HREEEE!

LET ME TRY.

THERE, THERE, DEARRR. PRRR. PRRR.

IT'S WORKING.

OF COURSE IT IS.

MM-MMM.

WHY DO YOU THINK I BROUGHT YOU ALONG, TABBY?

STILLWELL FARMS

I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO READ SPIDER-BOY'S *REAL NAME* ON THAT STORAGE DRAWER...

...BUT I COULD *READ* EVERY LINE OF HIS DNA SAMPLES INSIDE.

ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT IT'S A PERFECT MATCH FOR HIS MOTHER'S...

...TABITHA BRIGGS.

TO BE CONTINUED...

#1 VARIANT BY

CHRISTOPHER CAMPANA MARK MORALES & MORRY HOLLOWELL

#1 NEGATIVE SPACE VARIANT BY

JOHN TYLER CHRISTOPHER

#2 FOIL VARIANT BY

KAARE ANDREWS

SPIDER-BOY

APPROVED BY THE THWIP CODE AUTHORITY

THE FANTASTIC FOUR THINK I'M TRAPPED! BUT THEY DON'T SUSPECT MY REAL POWER!

#1 HOMAGE VARIANT BY

LUCIANO VECCHIO

SKOTTIE YOUNG

#1 VARIANT BY

#2 HOMAGE VARIANT BY

PACO MEDINA & ERICK ARCINIEGA

#2 SKI CHALET VARIANT BY

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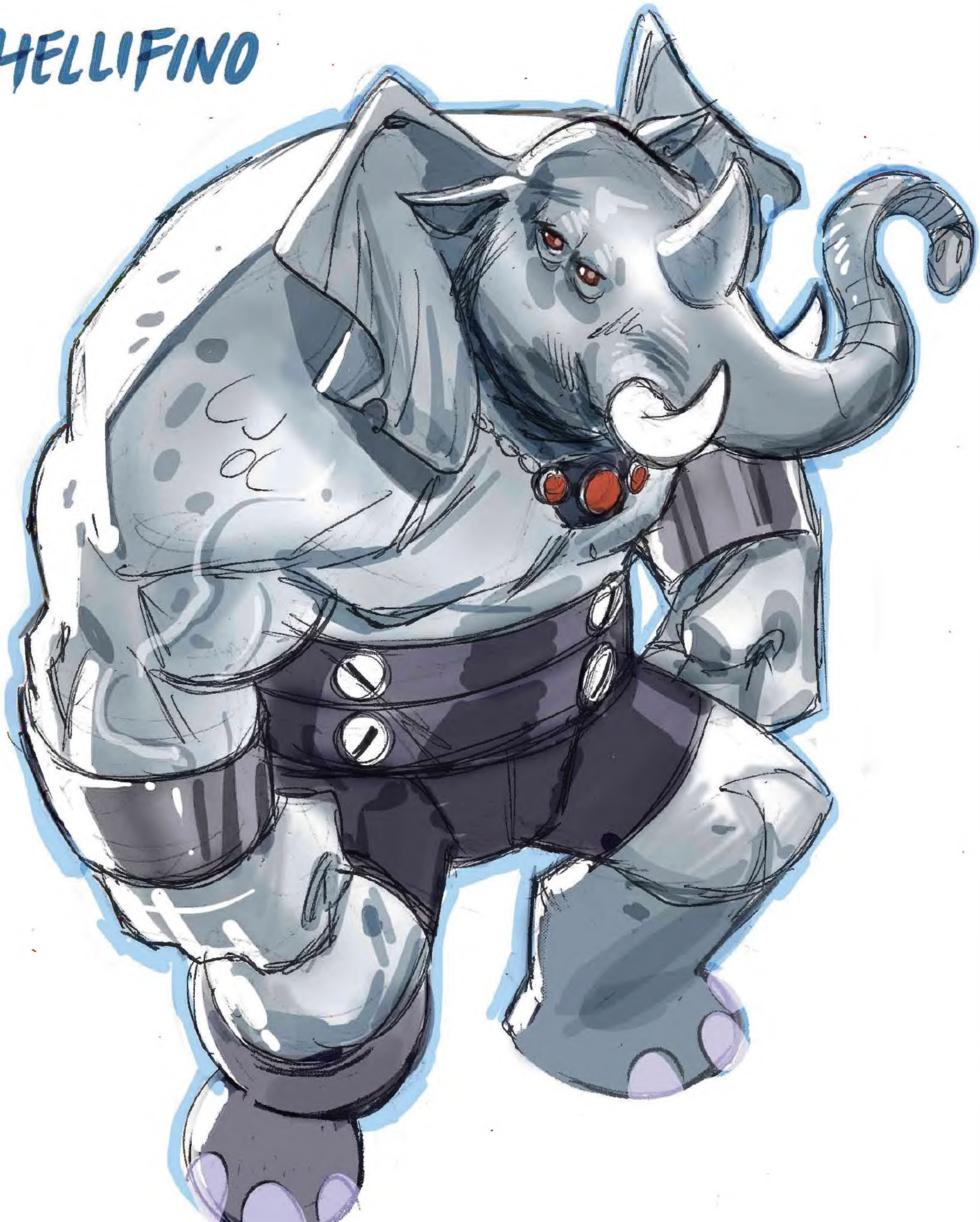

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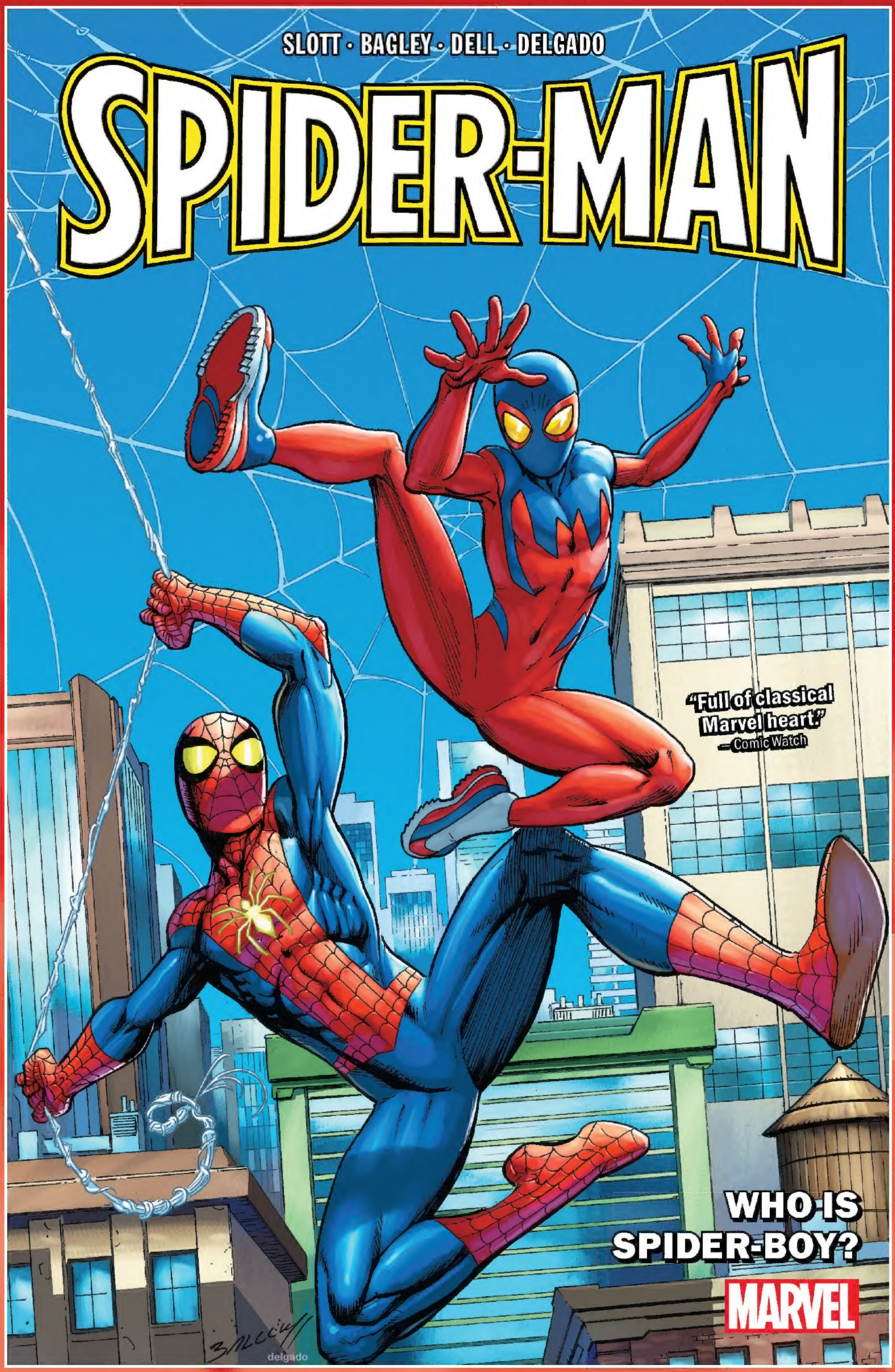

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